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The Road of the Loving Heart.

BY SUSAN COOLIDGE.

O, what is this pathway white, with parapets of light,
Whose slender links go up, go up, and meet in heaven high?
'Tis the Road of the Loving Heart from earth to sky.

Who made the beautiful road? It was the Son of God,
Of Mary, born in Bethlehem. He planned it first, and then
Up the Road of the Loving Heart he led all men.

Was it not hard to build? Yes, all his years were filled
With labor, but he counted not the cost, nor was afraid—
No Road of the Loving Heart is cheaply made.

The shining parapet in tireless love was set
A deathless patience shaped the treads and made them firm and even;
By the Road of the Loving Heart we climb to heaven.

May I follow this path of souls which leads to the shining goals?
Yes, Christ has opened the way to all which his blessed feet once trod,
And the Road of the Loving Heart he made is the Road to God.

—Selected.

Working Notes.—We heartily wish that every reader of the MISSIONARY HELPER may have a merry Christmas; and to whom is a joyous Christmas so possible as to those who are giving to others the greatest gift that ever came to the world—the Christ? . . . The Woman's Missionary Society has cause for rejoicing. The annual reports show progress in every department of work. The number of women who are thoroughly alive to the needs and are ready to help supply them is increasing. Almost enough money is in hand to build the Kindergarten Hall in Balasore. Henderson Home, in Midnapore, is already occupied by our missionaries, and the dispensary will be completed as soon as Dr. Bachelier arrives in India to direct the work. A woman has been found to take charge of Sinclair Orphanage while Miss Barnes comes home on furlough. Several girls in the Orphanage have become Christians during the year. . . . The work at Storer College and that of our Western field agent have been blessed. The Sunshine Branch has shed its bright rays into shadowed places. The Quiet Hour has been a pervading influence. The Little Light Bearers, who will kindle the missionary torches down the aisles of the future, have grown apace. But all of these blessings bring responsibility. Now, if ever, *let us pray*. Was it that remarkable Japanese, Neesima, who exclaimed, "Let us advance upon our knees"? And Meyer prayed, "In moments of conscious strength, *thy humility, Lord!*" . . . The study of China for the coming year promises to be full of profit and pleasure. The author of *Rex Christus* writes: "There has never been a time when a larger and fuller knowledge of what China is to be was more necessary than to-day." . . . Please read every word of the annual reports in this number, for only in that way can you keep in touch with the work and be interested in it. . . . All will be glad to hear from Miss Phillips and Dr. Mary, who arrived safely at Naples after a very rough voyage. . . . Congratulations to Minnesota, which has won the silver necklet for the fourth time! . . . The Foreign Mission Society of Nova Scotia has sent \$150 to the treasury—one hundred for the head pundit of the Christian Girls' School, at Balasore, and \$50 for evangelistic work. This will do much good, and is greatly appreciated. . . . Words from home workers have been received from Vermont, Iowa, and Kansas, which are necessarily held over until January. . . . Poland, N. Y., has a flourishing auxiliary, made up of enthusiastic members, with up-to-date methods of organization and work. It made a large thank-offering this year, and has a fine Cradle Roll. The foregoing has been reported to us "by the way." We wish that a fuller report might come directly, for the Words from Home Workers department. . . . It is a great pleasure to read the letter from Rev. Lewis P. Clinton, in the *Star*, assuring the people that the work of Free Baptists in Africa is "no longer a theory but a real fact." . . . *The Record of Christian Work*, published at E. Northfield, Mass., is an excellent magazine, containing many helps for Christian workers, with its Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, Quiet Hour, and missionary departments; its Bible and book notes and able editorials, besides articles by such deeply spiritual writers as Rev. F. B. Meyer and Dr. Miller.

OPEN LETTER.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

This is a time of retrospect and prospect, so let us talk a bit about the year that is almost past, and discuss the plans for the future. Do you believe that every missionary magazine is a vital part in the great movement toward the world's redemption? "Yes," and "I don't know," and "Why"? Do we hear these answers simultaneously? *Why?* Because the periodical is not merely an important wheel in the machinery of missionary work; it is the voice of the work, an inspiration to the workers, a quickening impulse to the unawakened, and a means of knowledge to the uninformed—the knowledge that is power. Among kindred forces the MISSIONARY HELPER has its distinctive place. We are interested in all, but particularly in this because it is *ours*. Because it helps us do the special work which God has called *us* to do in the wide field where many are laboring side by side. How shall we make our work most effective, our magazine most useful? Well, it seems to some of us, we must first know about and then love these, and results will naturally follow. What do you think?

We wish to speak a special word to our different groups of readers, but we hope that none of you will skip a word of this letter.

To the Silver Offering Subscribers. Through the thoughtfulness of personal friends of yourselves and of the HELPER—who wish to fitly recognize its silver anniversary—our little magazine has been your guest for a year. We hope that you have enjoyed its visits so much that you will invite it to become a member of the family. If it is really that, you will care for it sufficiently to read it from cover to cover every month, to keep it year after year, and to share its good things with others.

To the Three Months' Subscribers. There is such a goodly company of you that you surely cannot be lonesome—about two hundred, at this writing, with more to follow. Has your glimpse of our family circle been pleasant? We heartily hope so. Will you not read the reports in this number in full, referring to the map to find where our India work and workers are located? And will you read them with an open heart toward the work to see if you do not wish to become a part of it by continuing your subscription to the HELPER, and also by identifying yourself with the local auxiliary, if one is within your reach?

To All Readers. The most of you have been loyal partners for many a day. We thank you for your appreciation, sympathy, help, co-operation, and we wish you, every one, a merry Christmas and happy New Year. To whichever

group you belong, we are sure that you are trying to do something to help make the world better and brighter, and that you desire to do it in the very best way.

You who have been working for the HELPER because you believe in its mission, will be happy to hear the following true story: A few years ago an exceptionally bright young married woman came to live in a New England city. She was very active along certain lines of benevolent work, but our HELPER agent, in that place, found her wholly uninterested in missions or missionary magazines. Finally, the agent gave her the HELPER for a year, asking only that she read it. At the end of that time she was as alive to missions as to other forms of world's work. She was sufficiently keen and quick to be interested in anything which appealed to her as a need, as soon as she knew about it. She now subscribes for the magazine and frankly and heartily gives it credit for her conversion, saying that she feels as though she has lost something out of her life because she was so long a stranger to this beautiful work. She is arranging for a mission study class to meet at her home this winter.

Prospectus for 1904. "The best laid plans" of editors and publishers, as well as those of "mice and men," oft go astray, but having done all we can to produce best results, we are reasonably sure of a happy and helpful year. The study of China will naturally bring new material to HELPER pages. Suggestive programs, to accompany the text-book *Rex Christus*, will appear each month, and informing articles on the several topics have been promised by Rev. F. L. Wiley, Rev. Mabel Andrews, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, Mrs. Frances Stewart Mosher, and Rev. E. G. Wellesley Wesley. We look for side-lights upon the subjects from friends who have lived in the Flowery Kingdom, also a program for a missionary concert. We have in hand interesting articles from India, including the story of early experiences of Ma Phillips; Hindu village schools, by Miss Butts; "An Ancient and Modern Bengali Home," by a native of Bengal; recent photographs of Miss Barnes and her Bible woman, Rutnie; poems written especially for the HELPER, including a Missionary Hymn by Ernest G. Wellesley-Wesley. The departments—From the Field, Helps for Monthly Meetings, Sunshine, Practical Christian Living, Still Hour, Words from Home Workers, and Juniors—will have their usual places. The thank-offering will have its special helps, and current missionary events will be noted by editor and treasurer. Out of it all we expect to receive and give pleasure and helpfulness, but the receiving and the giving are for Him whose we are and whom we serve, and we will work together "in His name," in the New Year.

Faithfully yours,

THE EDITOR.



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From the field.

**MISS PHILLIPS AND DR. BACHELER
AT SEA.**

[HELPER readers know that our missionaries, Dr. Mary Bachelor and Miss Hattie Phillips, planned to take a side trip to the Holy Land on their way to India. Our best wishes and prayers have followed them all the way. It is a joy to know that they have arrived in Naples safely, although after much unpleasantness. Their graphic pen pictures make us smile, even while we deeply sympathize. May the remainder of the trip be all they wish, and we catch a glimpse of it through later letters. The personally conducted

party, after visiting Naples, Pompeii, and Brindisi, will have ten days in Greece and Asia Minor, something more than two weeks in the Holy Land, and a week in Egypt.—EDITOR.]

S. S. NORD AMERICA, HARBOR OF NAPLES, Oct. 19, 1903.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

You will be looking for news of us before long, and as we are likely to be very busy, not to say tired, during our touring days, it is perhaps best to send you a letter now, before the touring begins, although, as yet, there is almost nothing to write of but the voyage.

Of my very first voyage, "Around the Cape," when I was but five or six years old, I remember very little, good, bad, or indifferent; but of all my sea-

faring during the last quarter of a century (doesn't that sound quite like a veteran?) in which time I have twice circumnavigated the globe (doesn't that sound like "an old salt"?) I certainly remember no such mortal misery as on this last voyage. The explanation lies partly in the fact that this steamer is a veritable "rolling Billy," partly in the fact that she is an "Italiano," whose "English-speaking steward and stewardess," although able to chatter most volubly in "Italiano, Francais, and Espagniola," can understand, much less speak, scarcely two consecutive words of good, straightforward Christian "United States," hence are unable to minister intelligently to the comfort—the absolute *needs*—of those of us who depend upon English as our means of communication. Still another reason may lie in the fact that I was not a little worn with the nervous strain of preceding weeks and months. Be the explanation what it may, the fact will not be easily forgotten.

Oh, the misery of that first week! Then, if never before, I knew what it was to say at evening, "Would God it were morning!" and in the morning, "Would God it were evening!" Think of lying, hour after hour, through the long-drawn days and nights, in a bunk two feet wide, with only twenty inches of space above your face (suggesting nothing so much as a coffin), with every roll of the ship pointing towards the sky, first with head, then with feet; ports closed for fear of a wave dashing in; scarcely daring to lift the head lest it should swim, and the stomach heave till it threatened to come up bodily into the mouth! One night I wakened—for I did sleep a part of the time—to find our "Billy" rolling and pitching even worse than usual, which was quite superfluous, and it seemed as though every hinge and hook, every bolt and screw, were possessed of an imp, and every imp were chattering, gibbering, shrieking in fiendish delight, while the measured throb of the great screw, which every moment or two, lifting out of the water, gave us a furious shaking, could easily be translated into words familiar to childhood:—

" Fee fi fo fum,
I smell the blood of an Englishmun;
Let him be live or let him be dead,
I'll grind his bones to butter my bread!"

Then without pausing an instant:—

" See 'em a commin'! hoppin' and hummin'!
Catch 'em and beat 'em! roast 'em and eat 'em!"

and so on and on with ceaseless grind. The hook that held the door open, with every roll of the "Billy," asked, in an excited tone, "Who is?" Straps fastening my trunk to the bed-posts were the only things that kept it from charging anything that came in its way, like Victor Hugo's cannon in that terrible incident described in "93."

One morning, utterly unfit to rise, I sent a note to our conductor, asking if he

thought it possible to make the cook understand that I would like some gruel with nothing sweet or oily about it. These "Italianos" seem hardly able to think of food otherwise than in terms of olive oil. After waiting an hour or two "it" came, a chunk of cornmeal mush, which I returned untasted. Then I asked for broth (*brodo*), and in the course of time something suggesting modern, improved, up-to-date dish-water was brought! Next I asked for rice (*riso*) pure and simple, and it came two thirds cooked, standing knee-deep in a puddle of warm water! I didn't order anything more that day, but another day, hoping to keep soul and body together with a soft-boiled egg, I asked the conductor to order an egg put into a bowl, boiling water poured on. the dish covered and delivered. Soon I was presented with a bowl of *warm* water and an egg! Explanations followed, till Otto thought he understood, but I followed him out just in time to see him pour out a little of the water, and turning confidently handed me the remainder! I took it, threw it out, put the egg in the bowl, gesticulated, said, "*Aqua boilente*" or something of the sort, clapped the saucer over it, and at last he "rose to the idea."

However, it has not been all trial, and even at the worst I was able to think of and commiserate the poor 550 "Italianos" in the steerage, so unspeakably worse off. Our stateroom is a fine large one a little more than 9 x 11 ft., intended for four persons, but we are not crowded, hence Dr. Mary and I have been allowed to occupy it alone. Our party consists of five ladies—all congenial—and one gentleman besides our conductor. Aside from ourselves there are but three Americans on board, Commodore Borthwick (retired list U. S. N.), his wife, and a young boy going alone to study art in Rome. Every other person on board, I believe, is an Italian.

The skies have been most propitious. Not a storm, nor sign of one, only that dreadful northeast swell. Don't remember that I ever liked any kind of a "swell" in my life, and now I've registered an additional grudge. How I should have fared with any less comforts or without dear Dr. Mary to look after me, I'm sure I don't know. But here we are, just outside the harbor, waiting for daylight to go in. Having lost a day we shall see very little of Naples, but hurry on to Pompeii to-morrow afternoon, thence to Brindisi and Greece. Thank God for friends who follow us with prayers, and thank God he hears and answers!

Yours sincerely,

HATTIE P. PHILLIPS.

[*Bits from a private letter from Dr. Mary.*]

OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL, Oct. 16, 1903.

I had a pleasant visit at Summit, N. J., with my dear sister-in-law. It was Communion Sunday in her church, and I was glad to take the Communion on my last Sunday in the country. My visit was made all the more pleasant by the

presence of a dear friend, who came all the way from Cambridge to spend the last days with me and see me sail. She came down to the steamer and stood on the end of the dock till the group was a blur and I could distinguish no one. . . . Hattie just called me on deck to see a Moorish castle that we are passing. We now see land on both sides, and I believe we are to pass Gibraltar about six this evening.

Nearing Naples, Oct. 19. Yesterday we encountered the Gulf of Lyons, and we got decidedly the worst of it, nearly all of us being seasick again. The swell began sometime in the latter part of the night, and continued until after dark. It was not much of a Sunday, and as we had anticipated having service, we were not a little disappointed, for we spent a nearly interminable day, mostly on deck, sitting in deck chairs, which had to be tied to the railing of the saloon house, and when the ship gave a specially bad roll we had to reach up and seize the rail with our hands to keep from being thrown out onto the deck. One lady, who was not quite quick enough, was thrown clear to the side of the ship, but fortunately she did not get hurt.

We expect to be at Naples to-night, but that does not mean that we shall go ashore, for the Custom House may be closed, in which case we shall have to sleep on board, and go ashore in the morning. To-morrow afternoon we have to go to Pompeii, and Wednesday morning we start to go by train to Brindisi, from which place we have to take a midnight steamer for our next stopping-place, which is, I believe, Patras. You would be interested in our fellow-passengers, and the way they chatter at the table. I think no company of women would stand any kind of show in a competition of tongues! We look on and listen in amazement to hear them go on! I never heard anything like it. Perhaps if we could understand it, or any of it, we would not be so astonished.

Naples, Oct. 20. Just a line to let you know we are safely ashore, and are glad to be on land again, two days late. Got here last night, but too late to enter the harbor, so came in this morning.

Athens, Greece, Oct. 24. Got here last night, coming from Patras to Corinth in A. M., and from thence in P. M. Just going out sight-seeing, so good-by.

M. W. B.

"Awake, awake! and hail the morn,
The morn supremely blest;
On which the Saviour, Christ, was born,—
For man's eternal rest.
With one united voice
Let heaven and earth rejoice,
The well-beloved Son
His march of conquest hath begun."

Helps for Monthly Meetings.

TOPICS FOR 1904.

January—Outline Study of China:

1. A Self-centered Empire.

February—Prayer and Praise.

March—2. The Religions of China.

April—Home Mission Work of Free Baptists.

May—Thank-Offering.

June—3. The People of China.

July—4. Christian Missions from Earliest Times.

August—Outing.

September—5. Christian Missions on the Threshold of the 20th Century.

October—Roll-call and Membership Meeting

November—Foreign Mission Work of Free Baptists.

December—6. The Open Door of Opportunity.

JANUARY.—A SELF-CENTERED EMPIRE.

("Rex Christus." Chapter I.)

India is the only other mission field at all comparable with China for either magnitude, or importance, or difficulty. Almost every feature pertaining to the land or the people is immense, ponderous, overwhelming, while much is also strange, unique, and without analogy elsewhere.—*Rev. D. L. Leonard.*

Suggestive Program.

Singing.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 49: 8-13 ("Sinim," verse 12, is supposed to refer to China); Daniel 7: 13, 14; Matthew 28: 18-20.

Prayer: For God's blessing upon the study of the year, that it may not only inspire and broaden our own workers throughout the denomination, but also the world-workers of every name, and that the influence of this accumulated study and prayer be a power for good for China.

Roll call, with alphabetical response. (Let each member give some item of interest connected with China, its initial letter being the same as her own. For example, the response to the name "Allen" might be, "Area of China is," etc.)

Current events in our own field, told briefly by the leader or a member. (See *HELPER, Stars* and *Free Baptist*.)

Physical features and population of China—map-talk. (Engage some one to draw an outline map showing the eighteen provinces and the great outlying regions. Locate each province, giving characteristic features of each. (See text-book, pages 29-39.) In opening the study of China emphasize its antiquity, immensity, limitless resources and density of population, using illustrations and comparisons to fix the facts in memory. The following examples are taken from a little book entitled "Seven Views of China":—

China existed as a nation twenty-two centuries before Christ, seventeen centuries before the Exodus, and fifteen centuries before the founding of Rome. . . . The area of China is between four and five millions of square miles, which is nearly one-tenth of the habitable surface of the globe. . . . The population of China is six times that of the United States. Every fourth person in the world is a Chinaman.

Questions and conversation. (Five minutes.) A Glimpse of the Different Dynasties. Paper, followed by conversation on various points brought out. (Call attention to the Great Wall and other public works, using the first four pictures with their printed explanations—of the set prepared to accompany our study.)

Ancient books of China and their influence upon the people. (See article in next *HELPER*.)

Prayer for China's millions.

"As we study China let us pray with deeper earnestness that China's millions may soon know the only true God and his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we may not fail to do our part in the coming of his kingdom in China."

REFERENCES: Any encyclopædia; The Encyclopædia of Missions; "In the Path of Light," by Rev. T. H. Stacy, chapters VI, VII, VIII.

The Missionary Helper Branch of the International Sunshine Society.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 232 Keap Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

Our members are interesting their friends in the I. S. S. cause, as the following will show: Mrs. A. A. McKenney sent forty cents for society pins and six new names for enrolment, Mrs. Eva LaVoy. Mrs. Leefe Damon, Berton Damon, Mrs. Ida Baldwin, Mrs. Lizzie Whitney, Mrs. James Clark, all of Winona, Minn.

Mrs. Lillie D. Grant has sent a large package of feathers and three names for enrolment, Mrs. F. A. Way, Mrs. Abbie Parker, Mrs. Fred Smith of Vermont. These members have paid their initiation dues in various ways.

Mrs. Jennie Greenleaf ten cents in stamps and four names for enrolment, Mrs. M. H. Taylor of Woburn, Mass., Mrs. Lizzie S. Parker, Miss Hannah E. Came, Miss Annette J. Brown of North Berwick, Me.

Mrs. R. F. Moulton twenty-four cents in stamps "to send sunshine where needed"; also the name of a friend, Mrs. Addie Boston of Saco, Me., dues twenty-six cents in stamps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Liebhart requests that Winnie Hunter of Dickens, Mo., be enrolled. Winnie is in need of sunshine, and we suggest that some of our junior members write her occasionally.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pattan of Kingston, Mich., joins as a helper, and sends ten cents for silver clasp pin.

Mrs. L. O. Bayless, 301 N. Lafayette Ave., Chanute, Kan., gives as dues ten cents in stamps, and passes on good literature. Mrs. Bayless has been an invalid for a number of years. We hope that many rays of sunshine will reach her.

WORKERS' NOTES.

Mrs. Asenath P. Wentworth, with her usual thoughtfulness, has sent six handkerchiefs and one dollar. Mrs. Sarah L. Russell, and her little sunshine helpers, have also sent six handkerchiefs and one dollar. The above gifts will go to brighten the lives of some destitute children.

Mrs. Mary P. Parker sent a box of beautiful flowers and fifty cents to be divided between our Christmas work and India fund.

Mrs. Anna L. Carll ten cents "for sunshine work" and is passing on the HELPER regularly.

Miss Tillie M. Marr, one of our most generous workers, has sent two dollars for the India fund, and is passing on the *Star* to a New Hampshire member.

Little Doris Folsom must be thinking of something to do to cheer others all the time. Her latest sunny act is sending the *Myrtle Buds* to an afflicted girl; her sister Edna, also an active sunshiner, has sent a helpful poem.

Miss Sarah E. Tanner writes that she has changed her address to Rochester, N. H. She sent ten cents for "sunshine needs," and is writing good-cheer letters. Mrs. G. F. Dodge has also changed her address to Baltimore, Md. She is still passing on *Star* and HELPER, and hopes to be able to spread sunshine in her daily life.

Cupid has come again to our branch, and now Miss Ida Fuller is doing broader I. S. S. work in Starksboro, Vt., under the name of Mrs. John F. Thurston.

One of our Free Baptist sisters, living in Maine, is in need of a wheel-chair. Two dollars have already been given. Mrs. M. A. Preston of Tennessee writes, "My wheel chair is such a comfort, I felt I wanted to respond right away. I send my mite—one dollar."

Do not forget to help in our Christmas work.

A YULE LOG MEETING FOR JUNIORS.

If an open fire, which the children may face as they sit, is not available, a pretty imitation may be made by placing a small log of wood on a pair of andirons, and arranging evergreens at the sides and across the top in form of a mantel. Have a star above the mantel. If even this cannot be done, let the children arrange their seats in a semicircle facing the platform. It is so easy for children to "make believe," that even this will give variety. Part of the children should be seated around the fire. Another group in the vestibule, or an adjoining room, are heard singing a Christmas carol:—

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

In a pause of the carol singers, one at the fireside repeats:—

I hear along the street
Pass the minstrel throngs.
Hark! they play so sweet,
On the hautboys, Christmas songs!
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

The carol continues:—

Still through the cloven skies they come
With powerful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

The singers enter and all break forth together:—

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born king!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Then let all be seated.

Leader.—In the old times when Christmas was called Yule-tide, our ancestors used to gather about the fire with its blazing yule-log and tell stories and sing Christmas carols. Now as Christ left his Father's home in heaven to live on the earth, to teach us how to live, let us tell, to-night, stories of those who have tried to follow in his footsteps.

(Let the boys and girls be as far as possible the story-tellers.)

Singing by the very wee ones, "Carol, Sweetly Carol," 128 in Missionary Hymnal,

THE JAPANESE BOY.

Mrs. Gertrude Willcox Weakley at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of the Interior, told of a boy from the Glory Kindergarten whose parents were greatly troubled because he was growing interested in Jesus, so they took him a long journey over the mountains to make him worship the idol in a famous shrine. This dear little fellow, whenever they stopped, drew pictures of the star, the cradle, and the manger of our Saviour. That boy had truly learned the Christmas story.

Singing:

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

THE SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN.

Miss Millard of India, during the time of famine, when many people were dying because they had no food to eat and no water to drink, went from Bombay, where she lives, to Ahmednagar. There the missionaries showed her many little children whose fathers and mothers had died. The missionaries had found them and were giving them food to keep them alive.

Miss Millard saw among them three little blind children who could not see the light. They had taken hold of the hands of the little orphans, when they were wandering along the road, and had been found by the missionaries, with the rest. They could never learn anything because there are no schools for the blind, such as we have in our Christian country. They would never be able to do any work to support themselves, for they had no one to teach them how, so they must always grope along begging their food.

Miss Millard so pitied them that she took them home to Bombay, and when the native pastor met her he said in great surprise, "What are you going to do with the blind ones?"

"I am going to teach them," she said. Then he wondered greatly how she could ever teach children who could not see.

But they soon learned to sing the beautiful hymns very sweetly, and to read with their fingers, as blind children do, and to make beautiful bead curtains, to be sold to help buy their food.

She soon found there were many blind children among the orphans, in Bombay and other cities, because they had no water to wash their faces and eyes

during the famine ; they had scarcely enough to drink, and the many insects in India bring disease to the eyes.

The wonderful news that this missionary could teach the blind, spread, and many more were brought to her. Though Miss Millard had almost no money to buy food and clothes for these little blind, brown people, how could she send them away to be stumbling about, begging all their lives? She just took them all in !

A great many Hindus and Parsees came to see this little blind school, and they went away to tell others to go and see the strange sight. One day a Parsee gentleman came and looked at them a long time. He was so interested, he sent them twelve cots to sleep on, with bedding and covering for each. Just think how fine that was for poor little chicks who had been wandering in the fields and sleeping on the ground !

Then this gentleman came again and asked if he might send each one a Sunday suit so they might look well when they went to church. Very lovely for children who had had no clothes at all.

It is quite true that now there are forty of these dear little blind children being taught in Miss Millard's school in Bombay, for this is the story she told at the annual meeting.

RECITATION.

" Shall I take and never give? "
 What answer will you make, my little one?
 Like the blossom, the bird, and the bee, do you say,
 " I will not live for myself alone? "
 Let some little hands that are ready to take
 The things which our Father so freely has given,
 Be ever so ready to do a kind deed,
 Till love to each other makes earth seem like heaven.

HOW SOME ORPHANS GAVE.

Miss Emily Bissell told us that at Sholapur, in the famine country in India, were many orphans, not blind, who had been saved by the missionaries. There were so many of them, the missionaries could give them only two meals a day, and the little boys and girls had lived on roots and such things so long, they were hungry ; it seemed to them they *never* could get enough.

But the missionaries tried to teach them to be unselfish, helpful children, so that they might grow up to be noble men and women. One day they heard about the poor little blind children in Miss Millard's school. They said : " It is not right for us to take and never give. The missionaries have fed us, we must give something that these little blind ones may have food. We will eat only one meal a day and let the cost of the other meal go to feed the blind children." This

they did for many days and sent it as their contribution. Did not those hungry orphans give more than we do who have enough and to spare?

While the following verse is being sung, let the baskets, wreathed in holly or evergreen, be passed to gather up the gifts:—

As they offered gifts more rare,
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our Heavenly King.

Prayer by the leader, asking God to bless the gifts and make them helpful.

If other songs or recitations are wanted, "There's a Song in the Air," by J. G. Holland, and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Phillips Brooks, are both very beautiful.—*Mission Studies.*

TO-DAY THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS BORN.

"What means this glory round our feet,"
The Magi mused, "more bright than morn?"
And voices chanted clear and sweet,
"To-day the Prince of Peace is born."

"What means that star," the shepherds said,
"That brightens through the rocky glen?"
And angels answering overhead
Sang, "Peace on earth, good-will to men."

And they who do their souls no wrong
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angels' song,
"To-day the Prince of Peace is born."

—James Russell Lowell.

Much must be borne, that is hard to bear;
Much must be given away that it were sweet to keep;
God help us all who need indeed his help,
And yet I know the Shepherd loves his sheep.

—Owen Meredith.

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
MINUTES.

THE thirtieth annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at the Elmwood Avenue Free Baptist church, Providence, R. I., according to the following call printed in the *Morning Star* according to the Constitution:—

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Elmwood Avenue Free Baptist church, Providence, R. I., Thursday, Oct. 1, 1903, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing officers and for such other business as may properly come before it.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

Ocean Park, Me., Aug. 31, 1903.

The president was in the chair.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. M. G. Osgood of New Hampshire.

The following pages were appointed: Miss Ethel Mathewson and Gertrude Thurber.

Voted, To accept the program as prepared by the secretary, with the insertion of a collection in the afternoon.

The Quiet Hour was observed at ten o'clock.

Greetings were received from the Maine State Woman's Missionary Society, convened at Gardiner, Me., assuring us of their prayers and help.

Address of welcome was given by Mrs. Albro of the Elmwood Avenue church, to which Miss L. A. DeMeritte responded.

Records of the Board of Managers were read and approved.

Report of the Central secretary was read by Mrs. Annie P. Tilley, and approved.

Report of Western secretary was read by Mrs. J. M. Hooper, and approved.

Report of children's secretary, West, was read by Miss Lena S. Fenner, and approved.

Report of children's secretary, East, was given by Mrs. M. W. Thomas, and suggestions approved.

A committee of two, consisting of Miss L. A. DeMeritte and Miss Alice M. Sims, was appointed to confer with the secretary of children's work.

Report of treasurer was read and accepted.

Report of the corresponding secretary was read and approved.

Report of the Cradle Roll Department was read and accepted.

In response to a suggestion in the report, a committee of two was appointed

to confer with the superintendent. Mrs. J. H. Piper, Eden Park, R. I., and Mrs. E. H. Roberts, South Attleboro, Mass., were appointed.

The report of the editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER was read and accepted.

Voted, To take a recess until two o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Wesley.

At 2 P. M. the society met according to adjournment. The president was in the chair.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. J. M. Hooper.

Records of last session were read and approved.

President's address, Mrs. Mary A. Davis.

Fraternal delegates were received from the Congregational Woman's Board, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Woman's Society, Advent Christian church, and from State presidents of our own denomination.

The officers were then elected. [See page 367.]

Offering was taken.

Report of the New England secretary was read by Mrs. A. W. Jefferson, and accepted.

Report of publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER was read and approved.

Report of Bureau of Missionary Intelligence was read and accepted.

Reports of Western committee and of Rev. Elizabeth Moody were read by Mrs. Lydia Holman, and accepted.

Voted, That the list of life members be accepted by the society and spread upon our records.

The three following persons were elected members of the joint committee in India: Miss Hattie P. Phillips, Dr. Shirley H. Smith, and Dr. Mary W. Bacheler.

Voted, That in Article III of the By-Laws, another section be added, to be called Section 5, as follows:—

That whenever contributions to any department of the work of the society are in excess of the appropriations, such excess may be used in other departments when special contributions do not equal the appropriations.

Voted, That the treasurer be instructed to pay for printing the Minutes in the MISSIONARY HELPER.

The chairman on committee of resolutions reported, and it was voted to adopt the following:—

Recognizing, as we do, God's supply of all our needs through another year, and an overshadowing presence in the work at home and abroad, we wish, first of all, to return thanks to him, as our Heavenly Father, and to commit ourselves anew to his guidance, assured that he will direct our steps.

In view of the fact that our appropriations must be for 1904 larger than they have ever been, therefore *Resolved*, (1) That the need of more auxiliaries, more Cradle Rolls, and more members of the Roll of Honor should be constantly urged by our State officers, and that each State should ap-

point not only children and Cradle Roll secretaries but an auxiliary secretary, whose duty it is to secure new auxiliaries, if possible, or a church agent to care for membership dues, for the MISSIONARY HELPER, and for a thank-offering service in May.

Resolved, (a) That we note with appreciation the fact that the number of thank-offering contributions is constantly increasing, and, at the same time, we earnestly appeal to auxiliaries and to churches that have not observed the thank-offering to do so in the future.

(3) In order that the needs may be more widely comprehended, we urge our faithful agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER to extend its circulation in the coming year.

(4) As our dependence on the income of permanent funds and on large contributions must be greater in the future, *Resolved*, That we look unto the One who has all our need in his keeping, to move hearts to give liberally out of their abundance.

(5) As two of our missionaries are soon to sail for India, and one is now on her way, *Resolved*, That we send with them our good wishes and prayers for a pleasant passage, and for their work and that of our other missionaries in the field.

(6) Because the Quiet Hour of ten o'clock, rich in blessing to all who observe it, has a claim upon us for the sake of the work and the workers, *Resolved*, That we extend a plea that all at home and abroad will remember it in quietness of spirit as unto God, so that it may become a spiritualizing and uplifting power in work for humanity.

(7) Owing to our vital interest in, and the urgent need for, a new housing of our kindergarten in India, *Resolved*, That we place on record our gratitude and satisfaction at the assured fact of our new "Caroline Livermore Bradbury Kindergarten Hall," and that we join in thanks to our Father, the giver of all good gifts, and to the friends by whose gifts, large and small, this is being realized; and also express our appreciation of special donations to other departments of our work that have enabled us to do larger things for the glory of His kingdom.

(8) Since our Heavenly Father has allowed the removal of one of our faithful workers, a charter member, and one of the Board of Managers for twenty-nine years of the thirty years of this society, it seems fitting to recognize the great value of the life of Susan Adelaide Prescott Porter; therefore, *Resolved*, That we cherish the inspiration of her life; of the calm dignity which faced emergencies, the good judgment which helped over difficulties, and the inflexible adherence to principle which ever characterized her participation in the deliberations of this society; That her sterling Christian character will ever afford an example to be emulated; and that, as her labors on earth are ended, we earnestly pray the mantle of her many virtues may fall upon someone who will take her place in our ranks; That the warmest sympathy of the society be tendered the stricken daughters of our departed co-laborer.

Voted, To adjourn to 7.30 P. M.

At 7.30 P. M. the society met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. P. Tilley.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

Anthem by the choir.

The following nominating committee was appointed: Mrs. M. W. Thomas, Mrs. G. C. Waterman, Mrs. W. H. Hook, Mrs. A. W. Jefferson, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder.

The following resolution committee was appointed: Miss Harriet A. Deering, Miss Lena S. Fenner, Mrs. F. S. Mosher.

The nominating committee reported Miss Clara M. Law to fill vacancy in the investment committee.

Address, "Dispensary Work in India," Dr. Mary W. Bacheler.

Solo, Miss Annie Easton.

Address, "Our Obligation to the Children of India," Miss Hattie P. Phillips.

Our hymn, "Faith and Works Shall Win," was sung by Miss Annie Easton, the congregation joining in the chorus.

Offering was taken.

The silver necklet was again awarded to Minnesota, by our treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte.

The following resolution was adopted:—

At the close of this thirtieth annual meeting of our Missionary Society, we shall return to our homes inspired with fresh zeal and renewed earnestness. The various kinds of service have each contributed to this result. In our devotional seasons the strong faith in our Father's help and the sympathetic regard for each other that have been manifested have again called to our mind the sacredness of our work; the comprehensive reports have revealed the faithfulness and success of many workers, far and wide; especially do we note the aggressive work among the children and the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers, showing that we are laying deep and firm foundation for the future; the business sagacity, the broad-minded view in dealing with complex problems, have, we think, again demonstrated that woman in the church, as in the home, is fitted for "associate work," and while expressing her own individuality, is unselfish and loyal to the best interests of our denomination; the hopeful signs for the future and our increasing needs as presented by our president, have caused us to realize the enlarged opportunities and more binding obligations for the coming years; our warm personal relations with our out-going missionaries have added a tender touch; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of this day by consecrating ourselves anew at this closing hour, and striving with our Father's help to make the coming year the most fruitful in our beloved society.

Resolved, That to this church that anticipated our pleasure by adding beauty to our surroundings, that provided for our needs with bountiful supplies and thoughtful attentions, to the friends who have permitted us to share the comfort and rest of their homes, we offer our grateful appreciation and hearty thanks.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

INDIA FIELD.

BALASORE.

MISSIONARIES: Miss Harriet P. Phillips (on furlough), Miss J. J. Scott, Miss Emilie E. Barnes, Shirley H. Smith, M. D.

Report of Miss Scott:—

Again through shade and shine, wet and dry, we have carried on the daily work of teaching and helping in a small measure during another year. The teachers and I have been preserved from severe illness, or accident of any kind, and although there have been a good deal of fever and other minor complaints, yet with few interruptions the zenana and other work has gone steadily on. The number of zenana pupils continues to increase and reached a total of 163 at the end of last month, and a daily average of 130, notwithstanding cholera and small-pox were prevalent in the town. The husband of one of the pupils died from

cholera, and several houses were closed in consequence of both diseases. The preachers have done faithful work and I have spent the best part of most working days examining their work, correcting and reproving when necessary. Through the kindness of several native Hindu gentlemen, a few rupees were given to me for prizes for zenana pupils. With the money I managed to give, to each one who could read, a Gospel or other Christian book, all of which were gladly received and are being carefully read, many being lent into other Hindu homes. In this way the enemy has sown good seed instead of tares in our field. Would that the harvest gathered by both givers and receivers might be an hundredfold, and that speedily! I give Bengali monthly leaflets and other literature to the women who can read Bengali, and the Oriya Sunday-school leaflets to the Oriya women. Thus the Gospel read and heard by so many women and girls must, in time, break down the barriers of heathenism, and bring many to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

I took over the charge of the Hindu Girls' School in November, and have devoted a good deal of time to them, giving religious instruction to the children once a week, besides having the catechism, hymns, etc., taught them daily by the Christian teacher. I was glad to be able to fill the place of the second Hindu pundit in one of the schools by a Christian young man, who has a fairly good education and can teach sewing and a little kindergarten. The numbers in the schools have increased considerable during the past few months, partly owing, perhaps, to the treats and prizes given by government in honor of the coronation, and from the same funds all girls who have passed any examination during the year have received nice *saris*. It is hoped such lavish giving, one year, may not cause discontent in the pupils when they find that those gifts are not continued. A nephew of the Balasore rajah has just brought sixty books on cooking, to be distributed among the Christian and Hindu girls in our schools. When talking with the young man about the schools, etc., he began to look at some pictures and I gave him a mounted picture of Christ healing blind Bartimeus, telling him something of the story. He seemed very much pleased, and said it was a sacred picture. He is a pleasant fellow and interested in our work. I so often wish that he and his uncle might have the eyes of their understanding opened to receive the truth as it is in Jesus. Sometimes I think they are not far from the kingdom.

The prosperous agricultural conditions among both Christian and heathen made the need of the help afforded by the Widows' Home less necessary than usual during the last few months, and several of the old inmates, after learning how different it was to make their own living, have gone to work in some of the well-to-do Christian families in the villages. The very bad class who left the

Home some time ago are, no doubt, giving trouble elsewhere ; but it seemed better for the sake of the Orphanage children, and the better class in the home, that these should be kept out if possible.

Classes and many other things that combine to fill up every day have gone on regularly during the year, and a fortnight spent at Christmas out in the district where so little has as yet been done in the way of Christian work, helped to make a variety, both to myself and the teachers whom I took with me. We visited many women and girls in their homes. Some of those visited had never seen a native Christian before, far less a white woman. I found that in the most out-of-the-way places something was known of the coronation of King Edward as emperor of India, and yet scarcely a woman had as much as heard of the name of Jesus.

" Who, who will go, salvation's story telling,
Looking to Jesus, counting not the cost? "

Report of Dr. Smith :—

My work this year has been much the same as last. I have charge of the girls' day school, the kindergarten, and medical work in the two orphanages, in the dispensary, and in the homes of the patients. Recently I have added a Saturday Bible class for the women teachers under me, and a Sunday-school class in Mrs. Lougher's English school. The attendance in the girls' day school has been quite up to the average. The year closes with 54 names on the roll. Three of these girls have passed the middle vernacular standard and are now studying only English, but two of them are teaching in the kindergarten and the other in the day school. Of the eleven who took the government examination this year, nine passed, two in the middle vernacular, two in the upper primary, and five in the lower primary. Of the two who passed in the middle vernacular, one is teaching in the kindergarten and studying English in the day school, and the other has been placed in a boarding school in Calcutta. We hope this one may return to us as a teacher or helper some day, but one can be no more sure of the future of a boy or girl in India than of one in America, so we are hoping and praying that, whether Esther comes back to us or not, she may profit by the opportunities now being given her to become an intelligent, useful, Christian woman.

Two changes have been made in the teaching force. Early in the year Chandra Moni Das left us, and in her place we secured Ujwalla Moni Chuan from the English Baptist school at Cuttack. She is a good teacher, and in her life is a most excellent example to our girls. I taught the classes in English until Dec. 1, when we secured Sarala B. Sen, a young woman from Midnapore, educated in Calcutta. The girls seem to be making satisfactory progress under her instruction. The year closes with a larger number of members in the kinder-

garten than at any time since I have had charge of the school. We have now nine Hindu children in the school. A number of changes have occurred among the teachers. Early in the year Sucela was called home, and Martha Soren, wife of one of the preachers, took her place. Later Bama was obliged to give up work on account of ill health, and Echa took up zenana teaching under Miss Scott. Sorbamahi went to Chandbali to teach in the kindergarten that was being started there, and one or two others were expecting appointments in other places soon. We have one pupil teacher from Jellasure for a month, and one from Santipore has come in to spend a short time getting suggestions for the Santipore kindergarten. Since kindergarten teaching is required in all the primary schools, requests have come that we should arrange to instruct men as well as women teachers. As yet we have been unable to do this, but if we rise to the occasion we may be of great service in the educational work in Orissa, as the only source of supply of teachers at all acquainted with kindergarten methods seem to be the mission schools. The kindergarten sent an exhibit to the *mela*—or annual religious fair—at Santipore, and received a prize of one rupee, 4 annas.

The medical work in the orphanages has not been as large as last year. The dispensary work has not materially increased though my reputation seems to be spreading. The principal increase in this work has been in the out-patient department. A great many new homes have been visited, and something over two hundred visits have been made. The income from fees has materially increased. I have not asked fees in all places, but in others fees have been offered before my bill had been presented. The civil surgeon of the station has been most kind in giving help whenever needed in very difficult cases. In May, instead of taking the usual summer vacation, I went to Calcutta and enjoyed a privilege which had kindly been granted me of spending a month in study in a hospital for women and children. While I would not consider this a wise plan for every year, it was, on the whole, of great value, and I am very glad I had the opportunity of doing the work. I have had the teachers' Bible class but two months, and while my inefficiency in the language makes it rather hard for pupils as well as teacher, we both get good out of the lessons. We are taking the International Sunday-school Lessons, and the pupils take the Sunday-school Union's examination in July and at the end of the year.

SHIRLEY HOLMES SMITH.

Report of Miss Barnes :—

In Sinclair Orphanage Dr. Shirley has helped to care for and love the girls most earnestly, and together we have lovingly tried to do our best for those God has given into our hands. Two of our dearest girls, Ellokasi and Radhika, he has taken to the home above. Ellokasi had long been delicate, but Radhika was ill only a few hours. Two new girls have been received during the year, and one, a

tiny baby in Midnapore, whose mother died when she was two weeks old, belongs to the Orphanage, and we expect she will come when she is a few months older. Shanti, who has been here several years, has just returned to her father, who is a nominal Christian and has now means to support her. One of our nicest older girls is married, but is still a teacher in the kindergarten. Twenty of the younger ones go to the kindergarten school and like it very much.

My faithful Bible woman, Rutnie Sing, has lived on the compound and done a partial matron's work. She still does her Bible work four days in the week unless especially needed here. She is a very neat, orderly woman, and a Christian whose precept and example are very good for the girls. She was one of Miss Crawford's orphans. I have reason to be very grateful for her helpfulness in many ways. We have made some improvements in the girls' quarters which they seem to appreciate. We now get coke from the railway station for the cooking; it is better and cheaper than wood. The wood-house has been made over into what the girls call the "reading or study house." Here they study and have evening prayers. It has many windows and is a nice, airy place which can be used for sleeping or other purposes. Our new native pastor comes every Wednesday evening and has a meeting with the girls.

Chanda has lately asked for baptism, and there are several others who I know are striving to live Christian lives and thinking of being baptized. The eleven famine girlyies are all nice and sweet-tempered. The two who were delicate have become much stronger, and all except two or three are plump and sweet and happy, and would be rosy cheeked, I think, if their complexions were not so brown. Sometimes they do naughty things, tear their clothes, tell falsehoods, steal green mangoes and peppers, neglect their work and lessons, wade in the tank, make a tremendous noise, etc., and get punished. But, as a rule, I believe they are as obedient and helpful as the same number of white children would be. I earnestly ask the friends in America, who send money for their support, to remember them often at the throne of grace, especially the older ones. And also for those who have the care of these children of the mission, that all needed grace, strength, and wisdom may be given to train them for Him.

There is a good deal of work connected with an orphanage — the buying of supplies of food and clothing; seeing to the making and keeping of clothes in repair; the repairs on buildings, fences, etc., and the paying of workmen; the keeping of all accounts and records; and during the year the answering of many letters of inquiry about the girls, all of which takes time and keeps one busy.

We have tanks or ponds on our compound, but one of our needs is a well. We have none, and all our drinking water (for our fifty-six or more people) must be brought from the court house well, a good half-mile away, which costs no

small amount of time and expense. Formerly it was thought that good water could not be had here ; but in the past few years a number of wells at new houses for Europeans, not far away, have been dug ; and also at the railway station, still nearer by, and all have excellent water, so that fear no longer detains us. Should any friends of Sinclair Orphanage feel inclined to help toward this work, it will be most thankfully received.

The only other work in my care is that of the Woman's Board Bible women. Of these there are four in Balasore. At present there are three working, Rutnie, Sukha, and Udia. Rutnie is by far the most efficient of the three. She received the first prize last autumn in the annual Bible examination for all women workers in the mission. They have a weekly Bible lesson. It has not been my privilege to go out to work with them during the year past, although I have a special love for that work. A "deputy mother" of fifty girls can hardly do much outside work. The women report much encouragement. In some places, where the Hindu women have given up idols, they are urged to come regularly once a week, and sometimes have prayer with them. One of the needs of our mission is better trained Bible women. *How* the work is done makes a great difference, especially in teaching the Gospel. It is the privilege of us all, wherever we may live, to have part in this work of the Bible women, by "helping together by prayer." Let us pray that they may speak faithfully God's word, knowing that "his word shall not return unto him void."

EMILIE E. BARNES.

MIDNAPORE.

Missionaries : Miss Ella M. Butts, Miss Lavina C. Coombs, Miss Mary W. Bachelor, M. D. (on furlough).

Hindu Lower and Upper Primary Schools.

Report of Miss Butts :—

● During the past year there have been comparatively few changes in the composition, management, and general conditions of these schools, and as a somewhat detailed account of these matters was given last year it seems unnecessary to repeat that part of the report. Including the Palasbani school and Modhu Das's school, there are now sixteen schools with nearly five hundred pupils, about one-fourth of them being girls. The upper primary course—a two years' course after passing the lower primary—is taught in six of the schools, though only a few remain to take this course. Three boys passed the last upper primary examination. Twenty three took the lower primary examinations, but the results are not yet known.

The standard scholarship course for girls, adopted by all girls' schools in Calcutta and vicinity, has been introduced into all our girls' schools, and special effort is being made to induce the little girls to try to pass at least the fourth

standard which nearly corresponds to the lower primary course for boys, except that it substitutes needle-work for the more advanced arithmetic work. From this school, supported by the Ashland, N. H., auxiliary, seven little girls took the fourth, and one the fifth, standard examination. I was not much disappointed that all failed. It was gratifying that so many were willing to try. They are all going to try again this year, and are more diligent in learning to sew, as they are especially deficient in needle-work.

A Christian young man is employed as inspector of the boys' schools. He visits each school once a month, examining the pupils in all their studies, especially noting progress in the catechism and temperance text-books. The study of these books, and the memorizing of the Ten Commandments, selected portions of Scripture, and Christian hymns, are conditions of receiving mission aid. Though there are schools of various grades aided by government in the larger towns and villages, there are still hundreds of villages in the Midnapore District in which there is no school. If there are Brahmins or well-to-do people of other good castes, their children are taught by the family or village priest or some other private tutor; but the majority have never had an opportunity to learn even to read, neither have they in the past had much desire for education. But with the steamboat, the railroad, the post-office, the telegraph, and many other activities introduced and fostered by British administration, has come to many a humble village father a new outlook for the future of his sons and grandsons. He sees middle and even low-caste men employed in all grades of service in these departments and even occupying high positions in government service, and he knows that it is a knowledge of reading and writing which has enabled these men to compete with higher-caste men for such positions. So these villagers, though in many respects still strictly adhering to the social and religious traditions of their ancestors, are willing to allow instruction about Christianity if by so doing they may secure aid in paying a teacher. I have been obliged to refuse many petitions for such aid during the past year. The amount of aid given to a Hindu village school, taught by a Hindu teacher, is in most cases only one dollar a month. I recently asked the Christian inspector to state briefly the good he considered as accomplished by giving mission aid to Hindu village schools. He promptly replied: "First, we are increasing intelligence among illiterate classes, which is surely a good work; and secondly, we are spreading the knowledge of the Gospel in places where it was never before heard, which is a still better work." "It is not only the children," he added, "who are learning about Christianity; whatever the boys learn is repeated and discussed by the men of the village." So we believe that the good seed is being sown, and pray that it may bring forth good fruit in the Master's own good time.

Work in the Bible School.

At the beginning of the Bible School year, in March, there were seven married students. Their wives were expected to come to me every day for a Bible lesson, but the care of children, illness, and sometimes indolence, caused many absences, which prevented satisfactory results. Before their marriage, two of these young women had been in the Bhimpore Orphanage and showed they had been benefited from Mrs. Burkholder's careful training, not only in their morals but in the tidiness and thrift evinced in their simple housekeeping. Two others were from Santipore, where they had been under Dr. Helen Phillips's painstaking instruction. The wife of the Oriya convert, who was mentioned in the last report as persistently resisting all efforts made for her mental or spiritual improvement, has during the year finished the Oriya primer, and is able to answer a few simple questions on the life and teaching of Christ.

Another Oriya convert came to the Bible School this year, bringing his wife and two children. The woman came here fresh from the ignorance and superstition of her remote Hindu village home. She first appeared in the Bible class with no clothing except a dirty *sari*, but profusely adorned (!) with the heavy brass and shell ornaments peculiar to the locality from which she had come.

The gradual transformation was very interesting. It began with her clothing. For some time she refused to give up any of her cherished ornaments. But first the nose ring, one and a half inches in diameter, with a beaded pendant, disappeared, and later several rings were removed from the rims of her ears. To give up her bracelets was a much greater sacrifice. All women wear bracelets or bangles of some kind. To induce her to exchange her heavy and ugly wrist and arm ornaments for others of more delicate design, Miss Coombs offered to buy the set, intending to take them home as "Indian art curios." After some months, being in great need of money, her husband persuaded her to accept the offer, promising to buy her smaller bracelets with a part of the proceeds. So one Saturday morning they both came, with a few interested friends, and in our presence the ponderous ornaments were taken off. There now remained only the brass anklets and silver toe-rings. It was thought that the anklets could be removed only by breaking with a hammer, but as this would probably bruise her ankles and spoil the anklets as curios, all began to urge the woman to let us try to get them off without breaking. It was no easy task. Three persons used all their manual strength in holding, pressing, and pulling, while others used all their lingual powers in keeping up the woman's courage. Their united efforts were successful, and the whole set of bracelets and the pair of anklets, weighing in all four pounds, were made over to Miss Coombs for about \$1.75.

When this woman came to church the following Sunday, in clean clothes and

wearing only a pair of small imitation silver bracelets, a few bright-colored glass bangles, and the silver toe rings, she could scarcely be recognized as the same person who came to us eight months before. This Oriya woman has a much gentler and more teachable disposition than the other, and she, too, has finished the Oriya primer and learned some Bible truths. But they are both so imbued with heathenish notions and ignorant superstitions, that great patience and perseverance are needed in teaching them.

E. M. BUTTS.

Report of Miss Coombs:—

The zenana work employs fifteen native women—eight as teachers, having the responsibility of a “beat” (meaning a certain number of pupils to be taught daily), and seven either as helpers for the teachers or as chaperones for them, and sometimes the same person may fill both positions. It is an interesting and pleasing sight to see them all start together to their work, going their various ways as messengers of light to their benighted sisters; but this year we have often been puzzled to know how to keep the work moving because of so much illness, either among the teachers themselves or in their families, so it has been a rare thing to see them all start off together.

The number of pupils taught during the year has been 175, but the largest number on the roll, at any one time, has been 124, while the daily average has been but 97. The many changes in the homes keep our daily average low. More work has been opened among the Mohammedans, and this year we have thirty-five pupils among them. Several of the pupils have finished the catechism, and I have given them as a reward a small book called “The Shepherd King” (a life of Jesus), and also a hymn book. They are delighted with the latter, commit the hymns to memory, and ask me to sing some selection of their choosing when I visit them. I read the “Shepherd King” with them for their religious instruction, as it is written in easy Bengali, and they seem to understand it so well. Some of them who were former pupils, but have dropped their regular studies, like to have me come and read the “Shepherd King” with them. Last year I spoke of one, formerly a pupil, who had moved away from Midnapore, but was very anxious to return, as she wanted to get Christian books and papers to read. Her wish has been granted. Her husband, who was postmaster in the village where they lived, has been transferred to Midnapore post office, and brought his family with him. I have been to visit them with good reading. We have a little semi monthly Christian magazine which I take for distribution in those homes where some of the women can read, and I sometimes give it to one of the boys who can read, even if the mother cannot, for the son can read it aloud. It has come to be known that I have these for distribution, and sometimes the boys on the street ask me for *Mohila Bandhob* (*The Woman's Friend*).

We see signs of advancement in our old pupils in that they are not satisfied with their old literature, the stories of their gods and goddesses, but want to hear something of the present and what is happening in the world now. They want the up-to-date magazine! The changes in our Christian girls' school have released one teacher whom I am hoping to utilize as zenana librarian. We had this as a part of zenana work some years ago, but were obliged to give it up for lack of a person to take the books to the houses and to collect them again after they had been read. The patient perseverance of the older, duller pupils is often a marvel to me, and a reproof as well. Some who have been working slowly for years are just able to read, with intelligence and pleasure, the stories in their reading books or incidents in the life of Christ. Some of our pupils we count true believers, and know they find comfort in prayer to the living God and trust Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

Death comes to all homes, Hindu or Christian, but the utter hopelessness in the face of a bereaved Hindu wife or mother is in marked contrast to that of a stricken Christian woman. The face of one I lately met haunts me still. Her husband and two boys had died during the year, and as she sat in front of me with three others (all widows) my heart ached for them. Would that not be an inspiration to any one to tell of the Jesus who raised the widow's son, and wept with the mourning sisters, and to point them to him who said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."?

A new scheme has been set on foot, by government, for female education in the homes, and they have advertised for Hindu and Mohammedan female teachers, to be paid by government, to give secular teaching only in the zenanas; but as yet I have not heard of any work begun on those lines.

The Christian girls' school was in my charge until the first of January. During several months of the year teachers and pupils suffered even more than usual from repeated attacks of malarial fever, in consequence of which progress in the studies pursued was greatly retarded. Only three girls took the public examination, one passing in the fourth and one in the fifth standard. Sewing, knitting, and canvas work are taught in the school. Some of the older girls sent samples of their work to the Santipore *mela*, and three of them received prizes. On New Year's day a very significant event occurred in connection with the coronation ceremonies. Some weeks previously I had been informed that the Christian girls' school and other girls' schools were invited to the coronation exercises, and the little girls were eagerly anticipating the occasion. On the morning of that historical day, attired in their very brightest colored *saris* and jackets, they assembled in our mission compound. Each school was given a banner and a number of little red and white flags. With the assistance of several of our Chris-

tian young men they were formed in line, four abreast, and marched to the appointed place, the large compound in front of the civil courts, and government offices, where a big, finely decorated pavilion had been erected. As we approached the entrance to the grounds, the long procession of school boys, brilliant with hundreds of gay banners and flags, and headed by the students of the Midnapore College, came up from the opposite direction. Our little company halted, modestly expecting to bring up the rear of the gay procession, but to our surprise they too halted, and one of the Bengali gentlemen in charge came forward, and saying politely, "Ladies first," motioned us to advance. So at the head of the procession, up the broad walk, past the grand pavilion, where were seated all the high officials and dignitaries of the district, both British and native, marched the little girls from our mission schools, Christian, Hindu, and Mohammedan, and were finally escorted to the place reserved for them on the broad veranda of a government building. Soon three or four other girls' schools, not under mission control, arrived, and altogether over two hundred and fifty little girls were seated on the veranda. Never before in the history of Midnapore had school *girls* taken part in any public demonstration.

I had told these little girls many stories of the great and good Queen Empress whose son was now crowned Emperor of India, and many of them had some idea of the meaning of the event. To me, however, the general recognition given to girls' schools on this occasion meant quite as much for India as the crowning of Edward VII.

The teacher of the little school, which we call the zenana school, has a class in our Christian Sabbath school on Sunday, so she also makes her school into a Sunday school on Saturday morning, and she says they seem to enjoy that the best of all the week. The pupils come more regularly on that day, and they bring their little brothers and sisters. Not long ago the teacher was chosen delegate to our Q. M. and went, leaving her school for those few days in the hands of her assistant, a Hindu widow formerly a pupil in this same school, thinking the Sabbath school might be omitted for that one week; but on her return the children told her they had it just the same. They said they sang hymns, read the Scripture lesson, prayed, and went home. Can children who will do that, worship idols as their fathers and mothers have done?

During the past year the Bible women have been nominally in my care; but I have been unable to go with them except for a two weeks' trip to Contai, which I enjoyed exceedingly, except for the consciousness that the opportunities for work were overwhelmingly out of proportion to the workers we have. The scores of villages unvisited, the calls to come here and there, the eagerness with which our words were listened to, all made us long to spend months instead of weeks

in this waiting field. I have kept a very incomplete record of this work, and only for eight months, but hope to be able to report more in detail another year. So far as I have a record of these two Bible women in Midnapore, they have spoken to more than three thousand people, mostly women, and have distributed more than a thousand tracts. These tracts are given only to those who can read, but not always to women; the three thousand hearers are not necessarily so many different individuals, for some of them have been visited several times.

Another Bible woman, forty miles away, was in my care, but at that distance it was not possible to look after the work properly, so she was made over to Mrs. Ager. Another, twenty miles away, is still in my care, but I have been able to visit that place but twice during the year, and must depend on reports of the worker herself as to her success or otherwise. She tells me of one family whom she has visited for a long time and who were just ready to be baptized, but concluded to join the Roman Catholics, who were nearer, on one side, than the little church at Palasbani where this Bible woman lives. We would rejoice in their becoming Christians anywhere, but it would be a greater joy if we could feel they were likely to receive instruction and example that would make them different men and women from their Hindu neighbors. My share of work in the Christian community has taken time and thought and prayer, but it has been chinked in as opportunity could be found.

The Band of Hope on Tuesday, women's prayer meeting on Wednesday, workers' Bible class on Saturday, local W. C. T. U. and sewing society once a month, with Sunday-school teachers' meeting and weekly church prayer meeting to be attended, besides church committee meetings, coming every now and then, keep one from becoming rusty on lines of work not especially connected with the heathen around us.

The women of the church (nominally the women's C. E.) have kept up the support of the famine orphans at Balasore by offerings of rice and sale of garments made by themselves.

L. C. COOMBS.

Dr. Mary Bacheler has spent most of the past year in study and practice to fit herself for more efficient service as a medical missionary. She has many times presented the work, so dear to her heart, both in public address and in private conversation. Her earnest words will long live in the hearts of her hearers to bear fruit in future helpfulness in the cause to which she has devoted her life. Miss Hattie Phillips has spent a large part of her furlough in training to become a more thoroughly equipped kindergartener, that she may not only be able to apply kindergarten methods in teaching the Gospel of Jesus to the little ones, but to instruct and train adults to be teachers of the same methods. Rhode Island

claims Miss Phillips as her representative in India, and shows her love and appreciation by the enthusiastic response to the need of a kindergarten hall; but she has, by her devoted life and her earnest words, made a large place for herself in the hearts of very many, outside of "Little Rhody," who will follow her with prayers and gifts that she may not be hindered in doing her best for the little ones under her care.

Dr. Shirley Smith, who came home in the early part of this year as medical attendant to Dr. Helen Phillips, has not been idle during her short stay in this country. She made a trip of ten days in Michigan, and one of a week in Iowa. She has given thirty talks and addresses. This self-sacrifice, in giving up these days to the work, when the coming separation must have made each hour with the dear home friends so precious, should arouse every one of us to new zeal and enthusiasm in this work of bringing the world to Jesus.

While each one of our faithful toilers should be daily remembered when we pray, shall we not especially follow these three with our petitions that God will take them safely to their fields of labor, and bless and prosper the work in their hands?

HOME FIELD.

STORER COLLEGE.

Teachers (paid wholly or in part by the W. M. S.): Mrs. Lura B. Lightner, Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher McDonald, Miss Ella V. Smith, Miss Mary E. Brady, Miss Virgie Brown, Miss Lizzie Sims.

The reports from our work at Storer College have been very late in coming to the secretary this year; some have not yet reached her and some have come with no signature, so this report must be of a somewhat general character. The school opened with a good outlook for a full school, but the average number of pupils was smaller than for several years. The change in the boarding system is thought to have been the principal cause. Formerly, the students boarded themselves, each student doing his own cooking. At the present time the students are much younger, and have had little experience in managing for themselves compared with those of earlier days. Hence it seemed wise to organize a co-operative boarding club, in which the work of preparing the food is done by the students under the supervision of a stewardess, each student being charged in proportion to the cost of new material. Owing to the personal supervision of President McDonald and the cordial support of his corps of assistants, this plan has succeeded beyond the expectations of its warmest advocates, and has steadily grown in popularity with both pupils and parents. The class work of the school has been much the same as in former years. The number graduating from the normal class was nine.

Near the middle of the school year Miss Baker resigned, to enter a larger field; and, later, Miss Claire Sands accepted a call to Keuka College, leaving Myrtle Hall in charge of Miss Smith, who accepted the responsibility and discharged the duties efficiently for the remainder of the term. These vacancies caused a readjustment of the work, which was satisfactorily arranged for the remainder of the year. The two members of the faculty elected to fill the vacancies the coming year are both graduates of Storer, and have spent several weeks this summer studying methods in their respective branches. The great need of new bedsteads in Myrtle Hall becomes more apparent every year, and should be kept before our people. Any one supplying this need will receive the gratitude of both teachers and pupils.

The importance of an agent working a few months in the year is emphasized from year to year. It is believed such effort would greatly increase the number of students. One teacher, at least, believes that with the location and superior advantages offered, Storer should have not less than three hundred students. The laying of the corner stone of the new, much-needed industrial building was a joyous occasion, long to be remembered, and the fact is announced with much satisfaction that sufficient funds have been pledged to put the building under roof. It is earnestly hoped that all friends of this institution will assist in furnishing the amount of money necessary to finish and equip this building, thus supplying what is, perhaps, just now the *most imperative demand* of the school.

As we review the year's work, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise over the wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon us as a society in answer to prayer. In the midst of joy comes sadness. Songs of praise have minor strains. With tear-dimmed eyes and trembling lips we recognize the vacancies caused by those who are not lost, only gone on before. It is fitting to pause and pay tribute to the memory of Susan Prescott Porter, who so recently passed into the "Great Beyond." A charter member of our society, every department of our work has felt the helpfulness of her presence and her counsel. Into the lives of very many of her associates she has come as an inspiration and benediction. We can imagine something of the welcome that greeted her as she stepped into heaven. Do not her last words to our HELPER appeal to both relatives and friends, "God be with you—but not farewell"?

One of our returning missionaries, in her last public address, expressed this thought, "There is a vast difference between working for God, and letting God work through us." Shall we not take this thought into our work the coming year, and pray that each member of our Woman's Missionary Society may be so fully consecrated to God's will, that he can work through her during the entire year?

S. C. G. AVERY, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. Adelaide B. Webber for New England.*]

A YEAR with its open doors of opportunity has closed. A retrospect of work well done is helpful. As we turn on the search-light we see the faithful service of the loyal women of New England.

Three States have had bequests, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The thank offerings have increased, and the receipts are larger in four States. The total receipts are \$1,630.97 more than last year, including the Rhode Island bequest and others. The increase in HELPERS is 75. The whole number 1,911. Can we not raise it at the least to 2,000? The growth of the Cradle Roll is a promising feature of the work. The reports of the Advanced Light Bearers and junior societies are few. We sometimes see reports in HELPER, and there are shares taken in Miss Barnes's salary. But from all we can learn we fear that the instruction given in the mission bands of the earlier days is not supplemented by the Advanced Light Bearers and juniors. We wish to call the attention of the workers to this important department of the work.

Let us not be unmindful of the foundation work which is the basis of our present success.

MAINE.

President, Mrs. Alma M. Cousins, Steep Falls; recording secretary, Mrs. Helen L. Dodge, Waterville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary E. White, Bowdoinham; treasurer, Mrs. Flora T. Thurlough, Maple Grove; superintendent of junior work, Mrs. May Russell, Foxcroft; superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Jennie Randlett; HELPER agent, Miss Myrtie G. Kinney, Houlton; advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park.

The work of the society, as a whole, has been encouraging. In some Q. M.'s and conferences there have been adverse conditions to meet, but the few brave hearts have labored faithfully, and an increasing interest in missionary work is reported. "*Via Christi*" and "*Lux Christi*" have been found to be instructive and helpful wherever they have been used, and the number of persons thus becoming interested in missionary work is increasing yearly. This means more laborers in Christ's vineyard.

One new auxiliary has been welcomed. A bequest of \$800 has been received from the estate of Miss Eliza A. Hanson, and has been added to the permanent fund of the general society.

The Cradle Roll has received a large share of attention, the result of the earnest efforts of the superintendent and her co-workers. Much faithful work has been done for the MISSIONARY HELPER, and the subscription has been increased. With regret we accepted the resignation of three of our officers. Mrs. Jennie

Greenleaf had given ten years of loyal service as HELPER agent, Miss Clara Purinton had served faithfully for six years as recording secretary, and Mrs. Kneeland's removal to a sister State left the superintendency of the junior work vacant.

The annual meeting was well attended, and plans for future work were arranged along progressive lines. We look to the Lord for wisdom and guidance.

Number of churches, 227 ; auxiliaries, 61 ; members, 1,035 ; new auxiliaries, 1 ; Cradle Rolls, 38 ; HELPERS taken, 777 ; members of I. S. S., 110 ; raised by thank-offering, \$507.36 ; total receipts, \$3,065.57.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Pittsfield ; recording secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, East Manchester ; corresponding secretary, Miss Flora M. Tuck, North Danville ; treasurer, Mrs. Ethel E. Demeritt, Dover ; children's secretary, Miss Alice M. Sims, Dover ; Cradle Roll secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Pittsfield ; HELPER agent, Mrs. L. A. Sanborn, Loudon.

At the Yearly Meeting, "the annual home gathering for reviewing and comparing reports of the work done, and plans for the accomplishment of that yet to be done," there were many interesting reports given.

The Wentworth and Wolfeboro Q. M.'s have no auxiliary organizations, but contributed nearly \$20 for the work, and the Sandwich Association raised about \$20 more than its apportionment. There has been a gain of two auxiliaries. The Rockingham Association reports that five auxiliaries are taking the international mission course of study.

Mrs. L. A. Sanborn reports a gain of 78 subscribers for the HELPER.

Number of churches, 98 ; auxiliaries, 34 ; members, 539 ; Cradle Rolls, 22 ; members, 258 ; Advanced Light Bearers, 3 ; HELPERS taken, 481 ; I. S. S., 77 ; raised by thank-offering, \$333.49 ; total receipts, \$2,024.71.

MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Mrs. Frances S. Mosher, 107 Howland Street, Boston ; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hook, 12 Wilson Street, Lynn ; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. H. Page, 19 Nichols Street, Haverhill ; treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Butterfield, 56 Bonair Street, Somerville ; superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. Alice Bassett, 225 Mt. Hope Street, Lowell ; junior superintendent, Mrs. Maud Kenyon, 528 Chelmsford Street, Lowell ; HELPER agent, Mrs. E. T. Parmenter, Stoneham.

The work in the State has been in many ways pleasant and satisfactory. The interest in the churches where there are no auxiliaries is indicated by the fact that all have contributed. The amount raised by thank-offering is nearly one-fourth more than last year. The number of HELPERS taken in ratio of the membership is worthy of mention.

Number of churches, 18; auxiliaries, 8; members, 169; HELPERS taken, 231; Cradle Rolls, 5; members, 54; raised by thank-offering, \$118.58; total receipts, \$339.23.

VERMONT.

President, Mrs. C. E. Waldron, West Charleston; secretary and treasurer, Miss Hattie Parker, Newport Center; Cradle Roll secretary, Mrs. R. L. Duston, St. Johnsbury; HELPER agent, Mrs. L. W. Blake, Sutton; State organizer, Mrs. Ida Thurston, Starksboro.

The annual session was an occasion of advanced methods and new plans for aggressive work. Miss L. A. DeMeritte was present, and the secretary writes, "She helped us so much." It was voted to have a circular letter printed, and a State organizer was elected. The auxiliary at Enosburg has recently been re-organized. The new HELPER agent secured eleven new subscribers for three months, and agents were appointed in the churches of Orange County and Huntington Associations. More thank-offering meetings have been held. The people are loyal to their missionary, Dr. Shirley Smith. There is a junior mission society at East Randolph, and there are a few Junior C. E. societies. They are expecting to report more auxiliaries, more Cradle Rolls, and more HELPERS taken.

Number of churches, 33; auxiliaries, 11; Cradle Rolls, 1; members, 28; HELPERS taken, 79; I. S. S., 9; raised by thank-offering, \$72.20; total receipts, \$395.76.

RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 122 Vinton Street, Providence; corresponding secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston Street, Providence.

One new auxiliary has been organized, and one in feeble condition reorganized with new promise of usefulness. Two auxiliaries have followed the study of "*Via Christi*," and two that of "*Lux Christi*."

The thank-offering services were attended by large audiences and increased offerings. In a number of these costume exercises gave variety and held attention while the pitiful condition of India's women was presented. Dr. M. W. Bacher was with us at the thank-offering season.

The paramount feature of interest this year, as it is likely to be the next, has been the new kindergarten hall. It has been considered at board meetings, presented at district and thank-offering meetings, at the State Young People's Union, and in junior services. Many workers and one of our pastors have spoken in its behalf. All are interested and have given, or are ready to give, generously. We are happy to announce that a gift of \$500 has just come to our treasury, the giver to name the building. We believe it to be a gift inspired of God to help our need just now.

Among other lines of work engaged in by Rhode Island auxiliaries may be mentioned the following: barrels of clothing and literature sent to Storer, boxes of Christmas supplies to India, outfits of bed linen and clothing to the Salvation Army and Randal Square Mission; in some cases extra meetings have been held for sewing.

Number of churches, 37; auxiliaries, 14; members, 300; Cradle Rolls, 5; members, 100; Advanced Light Bearers, 1; members, 10; HELPERS taken, 283; I. S. S., 6; raised by thank-offering, \$152.12; total receipts, \$942.79.

THE HELPER BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, Brooklyn, N. Y. The president writes that it is growing at the rate of one hundred each year. We now have over four hundred members enrolled. "The reports in HELPER give only an idea of what the different members are doing. It is a blessed work, simply trying to brighten the lives of others."

Money raised in New England by thank offerings, \$1,188.75; total receipts, \$6,779.05; HELPERS taken, 1911, a gain of 75.

Somersworth, N. H.

ADELAIDE B. WEBBER.

[*Mrs. Arda H. Jackson for Central and Ontario Associations and Ohio.*]

The secretary begs leave to say that the work for the W. M. S. in Central and Ontario Associations and Ohio has gone steadily on, no one can doubt. Perhaps more and better work than ever has been accomplished; but I cannot "pass it on," so little has been reported.

We gratefully note that New York has made generous gifts. One by Mrs. Martha Brown of Stephentown Center, of \$1,000, deserves special mention. It came wholly unsolicited, and at a time of special need. Two hundred dollars was given for Balasore kindergarten hall, \$100 for the new Industrial Building, and \$50 for furnishing a room for Domestic Science at Storer College, \$150 for the Brown Dispensary at Midnapore, and \$500 to be kept as a sinking fund.

Mrs. Abbie Amesbury of Poland willed the W. M. S. \$100; also the same amount to the local church. Would that these generous thoughts for our work might increase! The Whitestown (N. Y.) Q. M. is especially well organized for good missionary work.

From Poland comes such a model report that I am inclined to send it in full, hoping the other auxiliaries who may read it will, next year, send full reports of the good work we know they are doing, and which we would be glad to report.

This is the model report: "Our W. M. S. has at present twenty-four members, two having been removed by death—Mrs. Amesbury and Mrs. Barwell. The annual prayer and praise service was held at the parsonage in February. In

March a large barrel of clothing was sent to a needy church in Philadelphia, Pa. Material is ready for a barrel for Storer College. The May thank-offering was observed, and a generous collection of over \$32 was received. A Cradle Roll of fifteen members has been organized, with Mrs. Harry Holcomb as superintendent. Plans are formed for a sale later. This auxiliary has made their pastor's wife a life member of the W. M. S., and the Junior C. E. sends \$4 for a share in Miss Barnes's salary and the same amount for Professor McDonald's salary (Storer College)."

The regular contributions of all the auxiliaries in this territory have been well kept up, as reported by our treasurer.

Dear sisters, let us go on to know Christ, learning to make the best use of our lives in his service. Shall we as auxiliaries take for our text for this year, "I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me"?—with renewed energy, seeking every opportunity to spread the news of a risen, loving Saviour.

ARDA H. JACKSON.

Hillsdale, Mich.

[*Mrs. A. A. McKenney for the West.*]

As we review the work of the closing year we have great reason for thankfulness because of an increased interest manifested in all of our Western States. In every State except one there has been an increase in contributions. Michigan reports \$2 less than last year, but as five Q. M.'s have not yet reported, we are confident the contributions there have exceeded those of last year. In some of our States, where churches are scattered, and other difficulties to meet, the contributions have nearly doubled. We feel thankful to Him for whom we labor that his blessing has been with us all along the way. With the year's experience and with renewed courage and faith in our Saviour's promise to be with us, we cannot fail of doing a still better work for him another year than we have accomplished this year.

INDIANA.

Indiana sends no report, but has a few faithful auxiliaries, some work among the juniors, and a few Cradle Rolls. Total receipts, \$53.73.

ILLINOIS.

Illinois has several earnest working auxiliaries; also work among juniors and Cradle Rolls. Total receipts, \$61.15.

MICHIGAN.

President, Mrs. Carrie Consaulus, Reading; secretary, Mrs. E. M. Parsons, Manton; treasurer, Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis; agent for HELPER, Mrs. Mary Hill, Davison; secretary of children's work, Mrs. Dilla Cole, Hillsdale.

Seven Quarterly Meetings reported as follows:—

Hillsdale Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Consaulus. Auxiliaries, 16 ; members, 435 ; bands, 1 ; members, 20 ; HELPERS taken, 140 ; money raised, \$385 03.

Grand Rapids Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Austin. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 96 ; HELPERS taken, 20 ; money raised, \$77.16.

Oakland Q. M.—Secretary, Mitta A. Devereaux. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 13 ; bands, 1 ; members, 20 ; HELPERS taken, 10 ; money raised, \$20.72.

Sanilac Q. M.—Secretary, Susie E. Vorkes. Auxiliaries, 2 ; members, 15 ; HELPERS taken, several ; money raised, \$68.20.

Van Buren Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Lyle. Auxiliaries, 3 ; HELPERS taken, 8 ; money raised, \$50 11.

Calhoun and North Branch Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Julia Cook. Auxiliaries, 6 ; members, 130 ; bands, 1 ; members, 20 ; HELPERS taken, 20 ; money raised, \$95.14.

Osceola Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Cornell. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 5 ; HELPERS taken, 5 ; money raised, \$7 45.

Total (for Michigan) : auxiliaries, 30 ; members, 203 ; bands, 3 ; members, 60 ; HELPERS taken, 203 ; money raised, \$703.81.

Three Cradle Rolls are reported : Kingston, N. Reading, and Highland.

N. Branch church sent a barrel to Bilhorn House, valued \$25. Kingston A. C. F. a box to Children's Free Hospital, Detroit, valued \$5.

WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin has contributed through friends to the cause \$39 for the work of the society.

MINNESOTA.

President, Mrs. L. P. Durgin, Winnebago City ; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Stella C. Kennan, Minneapolis.

Hennepin Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Stella C. Kennan, 75 N. 17th St., Minneapolis. Auxiliaries, 4 ; members, 47 ; HELPERS taken, 26 ; money raised, \$193.35.

St. Croix Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Sparks, Diamond Bluffs, Wis. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 5 ; HELPERS taken, 1 ; money raised, \$5.

Winona and Houston Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Brann, Money Creek. Auxiliaries, 2 ; members, 29 ; bands, 1 ; members, 35 ; HELPERS taken, 21 ; money raised, \$104.54.

Winnebago Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Hopkins, Truman. Auxiliaries, 7 ; members, 135 ; HELPERS taken, 56 ; money raised, \$323.62.

South Dakota Q. M.—Secretary, Miss Rosina Palmer, Valley Springs. Auxiliaries, 2 ; members, 14 ; bands, 2 ; members, 60 ; HELPERS taken, 8 ; money raised, \$58.99. Collections from two Y. M. W. M. S. meetings, \$31.41.

Total auxiliaries, 16 ; members, 230 ; bands, 3 ; members, 95 ; HELPERS taken, 112 ; money raised, \$716.91. Minnesota has 2 more auxiliaries this year than last, and 29 more members, 10 more HELPERS taken, and increased their total receipts, \$60.68.

IOWA.

President, Mrs. Thera B. True, Edgewood ; secretary, Mrs. Emma D. Mack, Orchard ; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Miles, Tripoli ; HELPER agent, Mrs. Clara McBride, Fairbank ; secretary of children's work, Mrs. Laura Tennis, Aurora.

Six Quarterly Meetings reported as follows :—

Cedar Valley Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Emma Mack. Auxiliaries, 3 ; members, 50 ; HELPERS taken, 13 ; money raised, \$85.95.

Wapsipinicon Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Jane Burroughs. Auxiliaries, 3 ; members, 15 ; HELPERS taken, 1 ; money raised, \$35.45.

Black Hawk and Buchanan Q. M.—Secretary, Miss Gelia Wright. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 10 ; HELPERS taken, 5 ; money raised, \$36.61.

Little Sioux Q. M.—Secretary of Spencer auxiliary, Mrs. W. G. Vandenburg. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 23 ; money raised, \$43.90.

Delaware and Clayton Q. M.—Secretary, Thera B. True. Auxiliaries, 5 ; members, 52 ; HELPERS taken, 20 ; money raised, \$77.20.

Van Buren Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Davidson. Auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 9 ; HELPERS taken, 2 ; money raised, \$6.

Total auxiliaries, 14 ; members, 169 ; HELPERS taken, 41 ; total receipts, \$285.11.

TENNESSEE.

Tennessee has contributed \$8 (two shares) toward the support of Miss Barnes, the children's missionary.

NEBRASKA.

President, Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe, Adams ; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Carrie A. Willisford, 905 S. 14th St., Lincoln ; HELPER agent, Mrs. Delia Wolfe, Adams.

Number of auxiliaries and members not reported. Money raised, \$6.57.

KANSAS.

Northern Kansas. President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown ; secretary and treasurer, M. L. Welch, Haddam.

Four Quarterly Meetings reported as follows :—

Cloud and Republic Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Ida Abbey. Churches, 2 ; auxiliaries, 1 ; members, 15 ; bands, 2 ; members, 29 ; HELPERS taken, 6 ; total receipts, \$55.77.

Washington Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Mary Woodford. Churches, 1; auxiliaries, 1; members, 21; bands, 1; members, 6; HELPERS taken, 3; total receipts, \$51.23.

Salem Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Cora A. Byers. Churches, 4; auxiliaries, 3; members, 15; bands, 4; members, 20; HELPERS taken, 11; total receipts, \$44.85.

Blue Valley Q. M.—Secretary, Mrs. Dora A. Northup.

Total for Northern Kansas: churches, 7; auxiliaries, 5; members, 54; bands, 7; members, 55; HELPERS taken, 20; total receipts, \$151.85.

Southern Kansas Yearly Meeting officers are as follows:—

President, Mrs. Bowser, Howard, Kan.; secretary, Miss Effie Lorange, Howard, Kan.; treasurer, Mrs. Phil Boughman, Howard, Kan.; HELPER agent, Mrs. Hoggins, Howard, Kan.

No report from Southern Kansas except officers' names.

CALIFORNIA.

California's shut-in S. S. sister contributed \$10 for foreign missions, and Mrs. L. J. Rideout \$2.50 for the Widows' Home.

Winona, Minn.

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY, *Western Sec.*

[*Mrs. M. W. Thomas for Children's Work, East.*]

Thirty years ago, when the Woman's Missionary Society was reorganized, the plan of the society seems to have been to organize "children's mission bands," in the various churches, to supplement the work of education, these bands to be directed and controlled by the women of the auxiliary.

As the years went by and the great Christian Endeavor movement was born, and became a power in the young life of the church, it was thought best to relegate the control and instruction of the children to the young people's societies; and Junior C. E. Societies were formed in many of the churches, taking the place formerly held by the mission bands. But it was noted, after a time, that in many of these junior societies little if any missionary instruction was being given the children, for the reason that the most of the superintendents were young people, who themselves had not received this training, and consequently were not interested in missions.

At the same time many individual societies were doing fine work. Year by year more shares are being taken in Miss Barnes's salary, the Roll of Honor never being so large as at the present, showing that work is surely being done by our children; but owing to our lack of plan and organization no reports were obtainable. These difficulties we wish to remove as fast as possible, and to this end may your secretary make a few suggestions?

1. Where there are no junior societies, organize mission bands as formerly, and see that the work done is reported to the parent society, the woman's auxiliary.

2. Hold an annual thank-offering service, either separately or in connection with the woman's thank-offering, whichever seems the most feasible, using the mite-boxes.

3. As far as possible use the Sand Map, writing to the Bureau, at Wells Branch, Me., for the leaflet containing directions for this work.

4. Advise taking shares in the salary of Miss Barnes, our children's missionary in India; also shares in the salary of Professor McDonald of Storer College, the children's home missionary of General Conference, thus working jointly with General Conference Board.

5. Follow suggested programs as given in the MISSIONARY HELPER. These have proven a great help in many societies. Where the superintendent of the juniors is a young person, never perhaps having read the HELPER, the auxiliary might assist in the work by placing this magazine in her hands. This has been tried with good results.

6. We know of one society which uses this plan: A young woman who is a member of the woman's auxiliary, also a member of the Senior C. E., is appointed by the auxiliary as missionary superintendent of the juniors, her work being to assist the junior superintendent in arranging the monthly missionary meetings, and to report the work done at the end of the year. In this way we can keep in touch with the work and advise when necessary.

7. Since your secretary is new in the field and the work of great importance, she requests of you that she may have an advisory committee of two, to formulate plans for the coming year.

M. W. THOMAS.

Saco, Me.

[*Rev. Elizabeth Moody for Children's Work, West.*]

The children's work in the West this year has been kept in touch with through correspondence largely. Some few meetings have been held by the secretary with bands and junior societies in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois. The interest in Emilie Barnes is one that does not lessen with the years but shares in her salary are eagerly taken, and several hundred Sunday-school picture cards have been gathered by the children for her work and are now on the way to India. This work is one of the most fruitful, and should claim our remembrance in the Quiet Hour.

ELIZABETH MOODY, *Western Sec.*

[*Mrs. George for Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.*]

The State secretaries have mostly reported very fully and systematically. The following is taken from their reports:—

MAINE. Mrs. Jennie Randlett, superintendent. *Cumberland Conference*, 5 Rolls, 60 members, \$12.20 raised. Three Rolls had rallies in June, and two will have them in September.—*Bowdoin Conference*, 10 Rolls at Auburn, Lewiston, Lisbon, Topsham, Brunswick, Bath, Sabattus, Lisbon Falls, Gardiner, and Bowdoinham Ridge. Sabattus 6 members, Lisbon 9, \$2.85 raised. Bath, organized two years, 12 members added, \$7.80 raised.—*Aroostook Q. M.*, 6 Rolls. Mars Hill 1 member, Blaine 4, Pine Tree 9, \$1.60 raised, Rally Day kept; Fort Fairfield 22 members, \$3.17 raised; Presque Isle; Sprague's Mills.—*Houlton Q. M.*, 3 Rolls. Island Falls 33 members, \$3.10 raised, Rally Day kept; Houlton 16 members, \$5 raised; New Limerick.—*Waterville Conference*, 1 Roll at Pittsfield, 26 members, \$3.50 raised at June Rally.—*Anson Q. M.*, \$1.15 raised. This makes a total of 25 Rolls. I have on my books, however, the names of 38 Rolls, which, from communications, appear to be alive, two having been added during the year. Total membership not known. Contributions for the year, paid in, \$60.59.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Pittsfield, secretary.—*Belknap Association*, Miss Alice C. Jones, 6 Rolls. Laconia 25 members, \$3.85 raised; Lakeport reported, in 1901, 45 members; 2d Belmont, Miss Eva E. Lamprey, 6 members, \$2.61 raised; Loudon Center, Mrs. M. A. Scribner, 10 members, \$2.32 raised; Canterbury, Mrs. Cora Vance, 6 members, \$1.30 raised. Total membership 92, \$10.08 raised.—*Lisbon Association*, no Rolls reported.—*Merrimack Valley Association*, Mrs. Ella M. Foss, 3 Rolls. Epsom, Mrs. Josie Burnham, 9 members, also 10 Advanced Light Bearers, 5 new members added, \$1.41 raised. Rally Day kept. Contoocook, Mrs. Stephen Morrill, 4 members. Pittsfield, Mrs. Ella M. Foss, 25 members, \$12.25 raised. Rally Day kept. Totals, 48 members, \$13.66 raised.—*New Durham Q. M.*, Mrs. John Manter, 6 rolls. New Durham, Mrs. A. M. Chamberlain, 12 members; Alton, Mrs. Gertrude Hurd, 15 members, \$1.65 raised; Gonic, Mrs. E. F. L. Bickford (Rochester), 14 members, \$2.75 raised; Farmington 6 members, 45 cents raised; Bow Lake, Miss Grace Hanson (Strafford), 2 members; Northwood Ridge, Mrs. W. F. Mackenzie, 8 members. Totals, 57 members, \$4.85 raised.—*Rockingham Association*, Mrs. Minnie B. Hunt secretary, 4 Rolls; Dover, Mrs. H. P. Chamberlain, 25 members, \$12.50 raised, observed Rally Day. This Roll has now completed the life-membership of Mrs. Florence Steeves, who is the first Cradle Roll life-member in the Association, and perhaps anywhere. Candia Village, Mrs. M. B. Kneeland; Somersworth, Mrs. A. B. Webber, 6 members, 16 Advanced

Light Bearers, 85 cents raised, Rally Day kept; Danville, Mrs. Jennie Hill, 19 members, \$5.91 raised, had Rally; Kittery Point no report, 7 members last year. Totals, 73 members, \$19.26 raised.—*Sandwich Association*, Mrs. E. G. Eastman, 3 Rolls. Meredith, Mrs. E. G. Eastman, 4 members; Bristol, Mrs. Emma Berry, 18 members and 8 Advanced Light Bearers, \$5 raised; Ashland, Mrs. George, 16 members, \$2.40 raised. Totals, 46 members, \$7.40 raised.—*Wentworth Q. M.*, Mrs. Henry Chase, 1 Roll. Warren, Mrs. Henry Chase, 6 members, \$1 raised. Rally Day kept. Orange has a superintendent appointed. Totals for the State, Cradle Rolls 22, Advanced Rolls 3, making 25 Rolls. Number of Little Light Bearers 284, Advanced Light Bearers 34, making 318; money raised, \$65.85 (not all forwarded). New Hampshire has gained 7 Rolls and 130 members, also \$19.57 in contributions over last year.

VERMONT. Mrs. R. L. Duston, secretary, has one good Roll at St. Johnsbury; \$8.12 paid in.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION. Mrs. Alice Twort Bassett, secretary, reports 5 Rolls. Paige St., Lowell, Mrs. Knowlton, 11 members; Somerville, Mrs. Geo. Perkins, 16 members; Chelmsford St., Lowell, Mrs. A. E. Kenyon, 13 members; Amesbury, Mrs. V. M. Morse; Winter St., Haverhill, Mrs. Emily Paige, 3 members. Totals, 57 members; paid \$3.90.

RHODE ISLAND. Mrs. Annabelle Hall, 6 Rolls. Elmwood Ave., Providence, Mrs. Langley; Carolina, Mrs. Mary L. Tinkham; Pawtucket, Mrs. A. W. Jefferson, 30 members (gained 7), \$13.75 given. Advanced Light Bearers 5; Park St., Providence, organized in July; Pond St. no superintendent; Roger Williams, Mrs. Minnie Williams, 23 members (3 new), \$6.13 raised, Advanced Light Bearers 3. Totals, 53 members; \$34.22 paid.

KANSAS. Mrs. N. L. Abbey, secretary, has 4 Rolls. Horton 11 members, \$3.88 raised; Bigelow 1 member, \$1.10 raised; Summit 11 members, \$5.79 raised; Dentonville 3 members, 45 cents raised (also a Sunday-school Roll giving for missions 67 cents); Hickory Grove, 8 members, \$1.93 raised. Totals, 33 members, \$13.82 raised.

NEBRASKA. No secretary has been found since the removal of Mrs. Deckard. This is to be regretted, as the two Rolls which we once had in this State will not exist without care.

NEW YORK has one Roll at Poland, Mrs. Flora B. Holcomb, superintendent. The Roll is flourishing and the superintendent enthusiastic. Twelve members, 1 Advanced Light Bearer, \$6.95 paid. We trust the Roll at Brooklyn may be renewed.

MICHIGAN. Mrs. Della Cole, secretary. One Roll is reported at Reading, Mrs. Wm. Balcom ; I have also note of Rolls at Clyde, 6 members, Mrs. Carrie Carr ; Kingston 10 members, Mrs. Consaulus ; Hillsdale 1 member. Total (reported) 17 members ; paid \$2.25.

INDIANA has 1 Roll at Oakland City, among our General Baptist friends, Mrs. O. M. Crockman, superintendent.

IOWA. Mrs. Laura Tennis newly appointed secretary, has Rolls at Lincoln, Tripoli, Orchard, Aurora, Tanning, and Waubeek. Total paid, \$2.48.

OHIO has a Roll of 2 members at Waubeek, in Miss Moody's care.

ILLINOIS. Miss Bertha Negley, newly appointed secretary, has organized two Quarterly Meetings for work, and has Rolls at Laona with 3 members, and Uniontown with 2 members. Total paid, \$3.20.

MINNESOTA, by the removal of Mrs. Ida Mae Smith, has, at present, no secretary. Rolls at Winnebago City, Winona ; and Valley Springs, South Dakota. Total paid 90 cents.

NOVA SCOTIA. Mrs. G. M. Wilson, secretary, has 2 Rolls at Pubnico Head and Chegoggin. Total paid, \$3.60.

This gives us altogether 99 Rolls whose contributions last year were \$166.41. Interest on the whole is still increasing, and Rally Day has been more widely and happily observed. The new HELPER Leaflet, No. 1, has been deservedly popular.

One of the delights of this work is the pen-acquaintance it gives with many a faithful worker, near and far ; and the glimpses of earnest effort, lovingly put forth for our Lord's little ones, are very encouraging. During the year, record has been kept of 76 postals and 129 letters written in the interests of this department.

SUPPLIES.—Among those sent out it may be interesting to note the following : Membership cards 461, A. L. B. membership cards 52, dollie boxes 359, junior boxes 50, Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers 165, record books 68, HELPER Leaflet No. 1 235.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Cash in hand Sept. 15, 1902, \$1.75 ; received from Miss DeMeritte, \$10.00 ; stamped envelopes and postals from Mrs. Metcalf to the amount of \$1.25 ; from sales of supplies, \$29.83. Total, \$42.83.

EXPENDED. Membership cards, \$10 ; other supplies, \$19.77 ; correspondence, \$3.34 ; blank books, etc., 35 cents ; postage on supplies, \$7.03. Total, \$40.49. Balance on hand \$2.34.

Ashland, N. H.

ADA M. L. GEORGE, *Gen. Sec. C. R. Dept.*

REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE.

THE report of the Western committee is practically the report of the work done, during the year, by our field agent, Rev. Elizabeth Moody. The work is hers, with its burdens, the travel from place to place, the weariness, the joys, and the successes. We must not forget, however, that all this is ours, too, done for us, and we hope that all who hear this report, or read it in the *HELPER*, will carefully consider what it means to the work and the workers, and what are our relations to it and our responsibilities for it.

The year's work has been one of encouragement ; responses for help have been generous, words of appreciation and testimonies of the efficient labors of our agent in church and society have been received all along the line. Some unpleasant things have been met, as in every department of life. These should make us cling more closely to God, work harder, study more carefully needs and situations, pray more.

The agent's year ended in April with all bills paid and \$25.75 in treasury with which to begin the new year, besides some money in the agent's hands for expenses. The one hundred dollars "special," for the present year, has not all been raised. We call the attention of our Western sisters to this, believing they will respond with the same generosity and promptness with which they have responded in the past. The work is ours ; we believe it is necessary, helpful, God-given. Our agent lately wrote : "God is taking care of me. I can trust his love and leadership." So may he care for us as a woman's missionary society, and so may we trust his love and leadership.

Hillsdale, Mich.

M. A. W. BACHELDER,
Chairman Western Committee.

REPORT OF WESTERN FIELD AGENT.

THE work of the year has had very many bright experiences mingled with the hours of travel and speaking. The rain, mud, and cold made some dates unsuccessful so far as large audiences are concerned, but warm hearts and loyal workers have been found in every one of the sixty Free Baptist churches entered, in the six different States visited. Five Yearly Meeting sessions and eight Quarterly Meeting have been attended since last I reported to you, and some two hundred audiences presented with the Master's message, and as many homes entered in personal work. Over six hundred communications have gone forth through the mails ; and leaflets, tracts, and *HELPERS* have been scattered here and there in the journey.

Many days have been spent at the desk, and other long hours in railway trains and waiting rooms when very little seemed to be accomplished and the head and nerves grew weary ; but if done for Him he cared as much for the weary

waiting as for the sermons and lectures, or the talks in the homes, and so it is blessed to work or wait as it pleaseth him.

The offerings received from the churches have more than paid expenses ; and there have come, also, several gifts, for the other branches of the work of the society, which have gladdened the heart of the workers, and brought blessings to those for whom they were given.

The Cradle Roll and children's work have received some attention, junior meetings have been held, and several Little Light Bearers enrolled. Also Q. M. and local superintendents have been appointed in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota.

In the special meetings held, souls have been saved and lives awakened to opportunities for usefulness which by and by, please God, shall reach the needs of Orissa, for which we so long have prayed.

The lessons of the year have shown that this work is surely of God's own planning, and we have but to go bravely on, doing his good pleasure day by day, until he choose another niche for us in His great and perfect plan.

Hillsdale, Mich.

ELIZABETH MOODY, *Western Field Agent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

THERE has been a steady increase in the amount of business done in the Bureau since the fall of 1899, as will be seen by comparing the last three reports with the one for this year. We are glad to report not only larger receipts but a more satisfactory state of the treasury. The records show a falling off in the demand for some of the free supplies. Only about one-third as many membership cards called for this year as last ; 800 children's boxes against nearly 1,000 last year. We find in comparing receipts that January leads, with sales amounting to \$12 72, April is next highest, with \$11.08, other months vary from \$8.19 to \$1.31.

The filling of about four hundred orders, and the writing of more than six hundred letters and postals, give some idea of the work called for by this department of our activities. The liberal replenishing of our literature last year made the needed additions this year quite a little less. A little poem, "Give to God Thy Best," a true story, has been printed by the permission of the Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and many copies have been sold. The first number of the HELPER series of leaflets, "The Cradle Roll Children of India," is a very dainty article, pretty enough for a souvenir. The new Manual of the F. B. W. M. S. has come to the Bureau, and a goodly number have been ordered. Leaflets on our specific work, pictures and sketches of our workers, are a want still unsupplied. There has been a greater call for costumed exercises than any year

since the two departments of the Bureau were united under the present management. The costumes need replenishing and freshening. Many garments are too much soiled and faded to be suitable to send out. Auxiliaries and individuals are requested to remember that there is no fund for replenishing this department, and no charge made for the use of the costumes.

The number of copies of *Lux Christi*, maps, and pictures sold, show that many of our auxiliaries are taking this mission study. Each year emphasizes the importance of having all our auxiliary supplies in one place. Last year calls came to the Bureau for more than nine hundred thank-offering envelopes and invitations. This year, notwithstanding the advertising of our thank-offering supplies, orders for more than 1,800 have come to the Bureau, causing much delay and extra expense as these orders must be remailed to Massachusetts. Our dear Mrs. Porter in commenting on the fact that many of our old workers send orders to the wrong place, said, "The two places of service cause much extra postage." Another who has long been identified with our work writes: "I always get confused about those thank-offering supplies. It does almost seem as though we might have supplies a little more centralized."

It is the aim of this Bureau to be a help to all our busy toilers, and any suggestions or friendly criticisms will be welcomed by those in charge. We hope to see its sphere of usefulness broadened until it brings good cheer to every part of our denominational life.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:—

Cash for contributions and literature for the year \$71.90.

Expenditures:—

Postage \$6.86, postals \$2, express \$1.65, literature including *Lux Christi* supplies \$38.64, deficit Oct. 1, '02, \$2.19. Total \$51.34.

Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1903, \$20.56.

This does not include the postals and stamped envelopes furnished by the general society.

S. C. G. AVERY, *Supt.*

Wells Branch, Me.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Two new supplies have been added to the Bureau this year, (1) an envelope for the use of Bureau mailing, with name of society, address of Bureau superintendent, and picture of Chundra Lela; (2) a new and artistic life membership certificate. There seems to be a call for new leaflets on the work and workers of our woman's society, and it is hoped and anticipated that the need may be better met this next year.

Members of the committee have prepared several special articles for the HELPER this year, and worked with the editor to make the November number a particularly strong one in the interest of our Free Baptist publications.

The twenty-fifth or silver anniversary of our magazine has been accented by the call for the silver offering, which has been pleasingly responded to.

As premiums *Via Christi* and *Lux Christi* have been run with a good degree of success, and we believe it has served to bring these mission study books to the attention of many an individual and auxiliary.

Letters have been sent to State agents, but having obtained only one reply to our two years' correspondence, we can judge but little what effect they have had.

We appreciate this year, especially, the work of our editor, so much of it having been accomplished under great physical difficulty. We wish for her a renewal of health and strength, and a long continuance of her loyal and loving service for our magazine.

We are inclined to pause and speak reverently of the passing of our chairman, who has stood so long at the head of this committee and its work—twenty-two years a member, sixteen years as chairman. Words express feebly our personal grief, and the loss which we are conscious the work sustains. She labored for our committee to the last. The getting out of the new life-membership cards was a last work of hers. And an article promised the committee for the HELPER was in the hands of the editor, appearing a month after she had left us. May her full, efficient, patient, Christian life be an inspiration to us all.

For the last time,

(MRS.) S. A. PORTER, *Chairman.*

LENA S. FENNER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF PUBLISHER OF "MISSIONARY HELPER."

THE specialty of the first part of the HELPER year was the response to the silver offering plan. This suggestion of our editor that the twenty-fifth anniversary of our magazine be observed by auxiliaries and individuals sending money to place the HELPER for a year in the hands of those who were not subscribers, thus giving them an opportunity to become acquainted with it, was accepted and utilized quite generally. Contributions were received from numerous auxiliaries and individuals, amounting to thirty-seven dollars and sixty four cents, representing the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Iowa, Michigan, and South Dakota. This contribution enabled us to send the HELPER, for a year, each, to seventy-five persons who would not otherwise have received it. Several of these have responded expressing their thanks and appreciation. It is too early yet to know just how many will continue the subscription, but we hope many will do so.

The interest in the United Study course was evident from the eagerness with which *Lux Christi* was called for as a premium for securing three *new* subscribers for our magazine.

Our subscription list shows a small gain over last year, but not sufficient to affect the deficit materially.

The expense of publishing has exceeded the income \$106.41. This is a fact to be regretted, and just how to increase the subscription list yet remains the problem of the hour.

As usual, much effective work has been done by many agents and other interested workers.

In Maine, the spring campaign of 1902 was repeated, and two hundred and fifty extra copies of the March and April issue of the HELPER were systematically distributed, and a thank-offering service arranged for, in many churches where there is no auxiliary. The result of this and also continued aggressive work all the year, has resulted in a gain in the subscription list in this State. Will not other States or Yearly Meeting organizations take up this plan and adapt it to their needs, and put into it the enthusiasm and interest the Maine sisters have shown? If this were done the report of next year would show a balance instead of a deficit in the HELPER treasury.

Our thanks are due the Rumford Chemical Works of Providence, R. I., who have advertised continuously in the HELPER for many years. We regret to say that the advertisement has been withdrawn in accordance with a change in their policy in advertising.

Our magazine, like so many other lines of work, has sustained a sad loss in the death of Mrs. S. A. Porter. Her interest in all that pertained to the HELPER was always fresh and inspiring. She never wearied in devising plans for its advancement. She gave to it a clear head and a warm heart, and her loving helpfulness will be greatly missed in the future.

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF "THE MISSIONARY HELPER."

BECAUSE "Little Rhody" is peculiarly the home of MISSIONARY HELPER interests, it is peculiarly disappointing to your editor to be unable to attend the thirtieth annual meeting. This is the anniversary when pearls are supposed to be the appropriate gift. Let us then present to our beloved society pearls of prayer, thought, endeavor, set in silver and gold. Your little daughter, THE MISSIONARY HELPER, brings her loving offering—the pledge of her best service in the coming year.

The record of our magazine is practically written month by month. There is not much to tell in an annual report. There have been few changes, and

scarcely a new feature has been added in the editorial department, but we trust that the year has not been without growth and continued helpfulness. Here and there the twenty-fifth anniversary was observed, and the results of the "silver offering," made at that time, will be reported by our publisher. Letters from many readers and States have testified that our magazine is appreciated, and a very suggestive article, that appeared in the November number, on "The Influence of Missionary Literature," gives the personal experiences of several of our Western workers proving the need and the power of the printed word in the periodical and other forms of missionary literature.

It is not possible to please all readers in each number, but we do earnestly and prayerfully seek to give something which will supply differing needs during the year. An illustration of the hopelessness of satisfying all was given when a subscriber discontinued her *HELPER*, stating as one reason for so doing her dislike of a feature which had been especially and widely commended by others. Again, a plea came from a group of readers for more portrayals of the dark side of life in India, while an article of that nature was condemned by several others, because, they declared, such things should never be repeated. However, it is stimulating and helpful to the editor to hear all of these varying opinions when the critics have the interests of the work at heart. For the many expressions of appreciation, words of cheer, suggestions and quotations sent to the Sanctum during the past twelve months, we return hearty thanks. They have done more good than the sender has realized. Especial thanks are due the friends — Miss DeMeritte, Professor and Mrs. Jordan, and Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder—who came to the rescue so efficiently in a time of need, when the editor was unable to use eyes or hand, and to the many who wrote, "We are praying for you." We were conscious of these prayers, day by day, and of their saving and healing power. How, except through prayer, could we have escaped the most serious consequences of so grave an accident?

Some plans were necessarily changed. The sketches of the life of Mother Hills were delayed, but will be continued in the new year. Two other promised articles for 1903 were not forthcoming because of the ill health or unusual pressure of cares of the workers who were to write them.

One clergyman, in sending a contribution, wrote something so true that it deserves more than an editorial hearing. So many of us are disappointed if our articles or poems are not printed immediately, that his expression is suggestive. "To be used for His glory," he wrote, "*when* he directs its use. I believe editors (as well as preachers) ought to be led not by will or wish of man, but by His will."

It has been a great pleasure to welcome some of our missionaries and West-

ern workers to the HELPER sanctum this summer. One reader, who has been a subscriber all the years, called for the first time. She looked all about, at desks, books, table of exchanges, India curios, and at Mother Hills's portrait, overlooking the case of missionary books presented by her, and finally said, "I feel as if I am on holy ground."

Our missionaries are co-operating more fully than heretofore, which means a more helpful magazine to the foreign work, as well as to home workers, in 1904. Already we have in hand, or the promise of, very desirable photographs, articles, or letters.

The United Study topic, India, has been widely studied and enjoyed. We urge even a wider acceptance of *Rex Christus*, an Outline Study of China. Take note that the text-book, leaflet on How to Use *Rex Christus* in Missionary Meetings, and accompanying set of pictures can be obtained of the Morning Star Publishing House. A good double-page map is included in the book. We have examined both text-book and pictures, and found them very attractive and of promising helpfulness. There will be suggestive programs and illuminating articles in the HELPER, month by month, to accompany the study. In our interest in a new and special subject, there is danger that we fail to devote sufficient time to our own work. Would it not be wise for the auxiliaries to appoint a reporter, for each month, whose duty it shall be to look up, arrange concisely and present attractively, the latest news, brightest bits of information, and most important appeals from our own field and work, at home and abroad? Such a report should not over-run ten minutes at the opening of the monthly meeting.

Finally, we bespeak your continued prayers and co-operation in the interest of the editorial as well as of the publication department. Let us make "a long pull, a strong pull, a pull altogether" for the spiritual and material success of our MISSIONARY HELPER.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

Ocean Park, Me.

Now we stand before a world with all its gates ajar.—*R. E. Speer.*

IN common honesty the man who does not feel constrained to spread the knowledge of Christ among mankind should surrender Christ wholly. What right has he to Christ? If Christ is not able to save the world he is not able to save a single soul. If he can save a soul it is awful to withhold him from any, even the lowest. And no soul can honorably claim His power in his behalf who proposes, when he has secured it, to let the rest of mankind struggle on without the Saviour whom he believes to be unique and indispensable, but whom he is content to have obtained for himself alone.—*Robert E. Speer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1902	\$2,449 72
from estate of Miss Eliza Hanson	\$800 00
estate of Mr. J. Nickerson	100 00
estate of Dora L. Merrill	100 00
estate of Abigail Amesbury	100 00
gift of Mrs. Martha Brown	1,000 00
gift for "Batchelder Fund"	500 00
Henderson Fund for Henderson Home	1,000 00
for Brewster scholarship	67 98
home missions including Storer College and Ind. Dept.	800 54
foreign missions including zenanas and schools	506 96
school, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore	480 23
schools, teachers, and Orphanage at Balasore	1,688 13
salary of Miss H. Phillips and kindergarten work	432 25
salary of Miss L. C. Coombs	284 26
salary of Miss Ella Butts	106 49
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor	397 36
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes	386 95
salary of Miss J. J. Scott	303 67
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith	372 64
salary of Rev. L. Moody	22 88
salary of Miss Moody, special	94 86
salary of Mrs. Arter	6 00
specials for Bhimpore	57 00
incidental fund	127 60
Widows' Home	194 20
Kindergarten Hall	344 87
from income of Cristy Fund	1,573 59
income of general funds	216 99
temporary loans	1,710 00
for silver offering	21 00
Industrial building	3 37
Ester's education	10 00
general work	1,525 79
Total	\$15,335 61

Invested Fund Account.

Cash for loans and bonds to be re-invested	855 00
Total to be accounted for	\$18,640 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for salary of Miss H. Phillips	300 00
salary of Miss L. C. Coombs	400 00
salary of Dr. M. Bachelor	200 00
salary of Miss J. J. Scott	400 00
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes	400 00

Cash for salary of Miss Ella Butts	\$400 00
salary of Dr. S. Smith	400 00
salary of Mrs. Nundy	80 00
salary of Mrs. L. B. Lightner from C. F.	425 00
salary of Miss E. V. Smith from C. F.	350 00
salary of Miss Claire Sands from C. F.	285 00
salary of substitute from C. F.	43 00
salary of Miss M. J. Baker	213 00
salary of substitute	103 75
salary of Mrs. B. McDonald from C. F.	281 25
salary of Rev. L. Moody	300 00
salary of \$100 for Miss Moody	96 86
salary of Mrs. Arter to Rev. A. Given	100 00
salary of Mrs. S. C. G. Avery	75 00
salary of Miss E. R. Porter	50 00
salary of treasurer	250 00
zenana work at Midnapore	240 00
rent at Midnapore	40 00
Bible women at Midnapore	100 00
literature at Midnapore	25 00
lower and primary schools at Midnapore	230 00
"Henderson Home" at Midnapore	1,000 00
partition for same	75 00
Hindu schools at Balasore	135 00
Bible women at Balasore	85 00
Widows' Home at Balasore	50 00
zenana at Balasore	120 00
kindergarten work at Balasore	120 00
day schools at Balasore	156 00
dispensary at Balasore	72 00
Esther's education	10 00
Orphanage at Balasore	500 00
repairs at Balasore	150 00
Bhimpoire to Rev. A. Given	57 00
traveling expenses of Miss H. Phillips from Minn.	33 51
tuition of Miss H. Phillips	75 00
tuition of Dr. Bachelor	25 00
loan to Miss V. Smith	75 00
Industrial Building	108 37
Kindergarten Hall	193 04
special gift by vote of board	20 00
investment of Bachelor Fund	500 00
investment of Nickerson bequest	100 00
investment of Hanson Fund	800 00
investment of Sinking Fund	500 00
Brewster scholarships	45 00
temporary loans	3,831 00
care of funds	105 32
expenses of C. F.	24 98
general expenses	116 17
Industrial Dept. at Storer College	400 00

Cash for silver offering for MISSIONARY HELPER	\$21 00
advertisement in MISSIONARY HELPER	60 00
deficit of MISSIONARY HELPER	111 06
printing reports	95 33
Manual	60 00
literature	33 35
expenses of thank offering	53 66
annuities	130 00
Total	<u>\$15,834 65</u>

Invested Fund Account.

Cash for loans and bonds re-invested	855 00
on hand Aug. 31, 1903	1,950 68
Accounted for	<u>\$18,640 33</u>

After payment of all liabilities to Aug. 31, there is in the treasury, not including temporary loans \$574.58. LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer*.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

HARRIET A. DEERING, *Auditor*.

INVESTED FUNDS.

<i>Funds.</i>		<i>Investments.</i>	
Brewster scholarship	\$1,000 00	Municipal bonds	\$8,400 00
Batchelder Fund	500 00	R. R. bonds	9,300 00
Curtis Fund	1,000 00	Corporation bonds	5,030 00
Cristy Fund	29,752 00	Mortgages	11,025 00
Dearborn Fund	425 00	Temporary loan	300 00
Mary A. Dearborn Fund	400 00	Savings Banks and Trust Co's	3,741 91
Golden Memorial (Cole Fund \$500, general donations \$346.23)	846 23	Stocks:—	
Hanson Fund	500 00	Boston & Albany	2,500 00
A. L. and E. A. Hanson Fund	800 00	Old Colony	2,200 00
Kindergarten Funds	325 68	Union Pacific	832 00
Littlefield Fund	500 00		
Mother Hills Fund	337 00		
On Moulton Fund	300 00		
Mary B. Wingate Fund	500 00		
Prescott Fund	2,000 00		
Sanitary Funds	131 24		
Sinking Fund	500 00		
Sundry Funds	100 00		
Temporary loans	2,440 00		
Working capital	972 00		
Widows' Home Funds	209 76		
	<u>\$43,328 91</u>		<u>\$43,328 91</u>
		Premium on stocks	5,900 00
		Total valuation	<u>\$49,228 91</u>

Real Estate: Henderson Home, Midnapore, India; Sinclair Orphanage, Balasore, India; Dorcas Smith Widows' Home, Balasore, India. LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer*.

I have examined the foregoing invested funds and find them in amount and kind as stated by the treasurer.

HARRIET A. DEERING, Auditor.

Receipts are from the following sources:—

	<i>Thank-offering</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Thank-offering</i>	<i>Total</i>
Maine, including \$800 for			New Brunswick		\$37 50
P. M.	\$507 36	\$3,065 57	South Dakota		24 30
New Hampshire, including			Quebec		15 00
\$600 for P. M.	333 49	2,024 71	California50	12 50
New York	28 33	1,309 57	Nebraska		8 57
Rhode Island	152 12	942 79	Tennessee		6 00
Michigan	184 24	742 45	Connecticut	5 00	5 00
Minnesota	109 84	653 64	Miscellaneous		395 16
Vermont	72 20	395 76	Henderson Fund		1,000 00
Massachusetts	118 58	339 23	Cristy income		1,573 59
Iowa	38 34	325 70	General interest		216 99
Nova Scotia		153 60	Brewster scholarship		67 98
Indiana		70 68	Temporary loans		1,710 00
Illinois	7 30	70 15	Re-invested		855 00
Kansas	2 37	53 02			
Wisconsin		39 20	Total receipts	\$16,190 61	
Pennsylvania	2 00	39 00	Total thank-offering	1,570 67	
Ohio	9 00	37 95			

Necklet awarded to Minnesota.

APPROPRIATIONS.

MIDNAPORE.

Miss L. C. Coombs's salary	\$400 00
Zenanas (\$50 appropriated by Nova Scotia)	240 00
Bible women	85 00
Literature	25 00
Miss Ella Butts's salary	500 00
Lower and primary schools	300 00
Dr. Mary W. Bacheler	500 00
Taxes	22 00

BALASORE.

Miss Hattie P. Phillips's salary	500 00
Kindergarten work	120 00
Day school (\$25 from Hanson Fund)	156 00
Hindu schools	135 00
Dr. Shirley Smith's salary	400 00
Dr. Shirley Smith's dispensary	25 00
Miss E. E. Barnes's salary	400 00
Sinclair Orphanage	500 00
Bible women	85 00
Repairs on Orphanage	50 00
Miss J. J. Scott's salary	500 00
Widows' Home (\$50 appropriated by Nova Scotia)	50 00

Zenanas	\$120 00
Mrs. Nundy's salary	80 00
Matron for Sinclair Orphanage	300 00

STORER COLLEGE.

Industrial Department	400 00
Mrs. L. B. Lightner from Cristy Fund	425 00
Miss Ella V. Smith from Cristy Fund	350 00
Mrs. E. M. McDonald from Cristy Fund	350 00
Miss Lizzie Sims's salary	300 00
Demonstration room	50 00
Miss Mary E. Brady	275 00

WESTERN WORK.

Rev. Elizabeth Moody's salary	350 00
[In addition to \$100 raised in the West, making her salary \$450.]	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss L. A. DeMeritte, treasurer	250 00
Miss Edyth R. Porter, assistant treasurer	50 00
Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, literature department	75 00
Advertising in MISSIONARY HELPER	60 00
Deficit in MISSIONARY HELPER	106 41
General Conference toward Mrs. Arter's salary	100 00
Return passage of two missionaries	600 00

Total \$9,234 41

Alice M. Metcalf, Cor. Sec.

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

Maine	\$2,000 00	Indiana	\$100 00
New Hampshire	1,600 00	Iowa	400 00
Vermont	400 00	Minnesota	600 00
Massachusetts	550 00	Nebraska	50 00
Rhode Island	1,400 00	South Dakota	75 00
New York	100 00	Kansas	50 00
New York and Pennsylvania	50 00	India	50 00
Illinois	100 00	California	50 00
Pennsylvania	100 00	Province of Quebec	50 00
Michigan	600 00		

"MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS.

Maine	1,000	Illinois	200
New Hampshire	600	Michigan	550
Vermont	150	Iowa	200
Massachusetts	350	Nebraska	100
Rhode Island	450	Kansas	100
New York and Pennsylvania	325	Wisconsin	130
Ohio	275	Minnesota	200
Indiana	150	Dakota	30

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for October, 1903.

MAINE.

Brunswick 1st F. B. ch. aux. for Miss Coombs	\$14.00
Bowdoinham aux. for Miss Coombs	6.00
Garland ch. T. O.	5.20
Hollis aux. for Miss Coombs	5.00
Litchfield by Mrs. Emily Taylor annual dues	1.00
Ocean Park Toilers-by-the-Sea of which \$2 is from Miss Lizzie Knight for Miss Arter's salary	7.25
Ocean Park C. R.	.20
Portland Dorcas Smith Circle of King's Daughters for one share Miss Coombs's salary. (The money contributed in 1902 constitutes Miss Marion E. McGonagle a L. M.)	10.00
Portland aux. one share Miss Coombs's salary	10.00
Portland by H. A. Deering's S. S. Class for "Nevada"	4.00
(The \$4 to go on L. M. in Gen. Soc. of Miss Harriet Deering.)	
Scarboro aux. for Miss Coombs	3.00
Scarboro Young Missionary Helpers T. O. for Miss Barnes's salary	5.00
Topsham Mrs. Daniel A. Hall for Kind. Hall	10.00
Waterville aux.	4.64
W. Falmouth aux. for Dom. Science Storer College	5.00
W. Falmouth Helping Hands for Miss Barnes	4.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Dover Washington St. ch. Ethel E. and Fred Ward Demeritt of Hills H. and F. M. soc. for Kind. Hall \$25 and for Ind. Build. \$25	50.00
Meredith Village aux.	13.00
Northwood Ridge C. R.	10.90
Pittsfield C. R.	9.05
Somersworth aux. for Bessie Peckham School	12.00
Whitefield aux. for Miss Butts	11.00
Whitefield aux. for Dom. Science	10.00
A friend	5.00

VERMONT.

Orange Co. Asso. W. M. S. for Dr. Smith	3.64
Wheelock Asso. W. M. S. for Dr. Smith	4.70

MASSACHUSETTS.

Cambridge aux. for widow \$2 on L. M. of Mrs. F. O. Robinson	8.25
Lowell Paige St. ch. aux. C. R.	3.00
Melrose Highlands Mrs. Emery dues	2.00
Stoneham Mrs. Parmenter	1.00

RHODE ISLAND.

Chepachet ch. C. E. Soc. for Kind. Hall	5.00
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NEW YORK.

Columbus Quarter Jun. Miss. Soc. of F. B. ch. one share for Miss Barnes's salary	4.00
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OHIO.

West Mansfield aux.	1.00
W. Mansfield aux. Maggie Keller mem. fee	1.00

INDIANA.

Badger W. M. S. for native zenana teacher	\$10.00
Badger primary and infant classes for Miss Barnes	1.15
Oakland City C. R.	2.30

MICHIGAN.

Gobleville for child in W. H.	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Platts and children for Kind. Hall	1.50
W. M. S. of Mich. on \$100 of Miss Moody's special	5.00

MINNESOTA.

Brooklyn aux. for H. M.	1.40
Crystal aux. for F. M.	8.00
Huntley W. M. S.	18.00
Minneapolis ch. W. M. S. for F. M.	10.00
Minneapolis ch. W. M. S. for Miss Phillips Kind. Hall	25.00
Q. M. W. M. S. for H. M.	3.21
Winnebago City aux. for H. M.	7.05
Winona and Houston Q. M. W. M. S. for Kind work	3.01

IOWA.

Cedar Valley Q. M. for Miss Scott	18.86
Delaware and Clayton Miss Scott	1.67
Delaware and Clayton Q. M. Miss Scott	14.00
David Ladies' Aid Miss Scott	.50
Oak Park Esther and Athena Eggleston for Miss Barnes	1.00
Spencer W. M. S. for Miss Scott	17.00
Mrs. Reeves on \$100 of Miss Moody's special	2.50

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Alexandria Mrs. M. N. Stillwell for Ind. Kind. work	1.00
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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Coaticooke Fannie R. Moulton for "Moulton Fund"	50.00
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NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scotia Conference C. R.	6.00
F. M. Soc. of N. S. by Treas. for Head Teacher at Balasore in Girls' School \$100 for general evangelistic work as most needed \$50	150.00

MISCELLANY.

Income of funds for Inc. Funds	16.66
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Total \$613.70

NOTE.—The gift from the estate of Mrs. Blaisdell makes, besides her own, the following life memberships: J. Colby Blaisdell, Mrs. Sarah A. Blaisdell, Mrs. Helen L. Dodge of Waterville, and Mrs. Dora Sawtelle of Sidney, Me.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

Ocean Park, Me.

per EDYTH R. PORTER, *Asst. Treas.*

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I GIVE and bequeath the sum of ——— to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, a corporation of the state of Maine.

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